

Ele Ha-Sodot

The Hebrew Revelation

**A transcript + translation of an
amazing Hebrew manuscript of
Revelation**

**Based on Ms. Oo.1.16 from the
Cambridge University Library**

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Footnote Symbols and Abbreviations

“ ”	Double quotation marks are used for direct quotations, literal meanings, non-paraphrase alternative translations, etc.
‘ ’	Single quotation marks are used for alternative translations which are paraphrased, transliterated words, etc.
Alt.	Alternative, alternatively
E.g.	For example
I.e.	That is
Lit.	Literally
Ms.	Manuscript
Par.	Paragraph
Pl.	Plural
P(p).	Page(s)
Vol.	Volume
Vs.	Versus

Introduction

Every author of the New Testament was either a Jew or a proselyte of the Jews.¹ So, is it even possible that the entire New Testament was originally composed in Greek? Scholars used to teach² that Hebrew was a ‘dead language’ in New Testament times, but the Dead Sea Scrolls³ together with the

¹ E.g. Luke, author of the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts.

² E.g. “...one of the main traditional arguments... was that Jesus spoke Aramaic because there was nothing else for him to speak unless he spoke Greek.” – James Barr (Professor of Semitic Languages), *Which language did Jesus speak? – Some remarks of a Semitist*, University of Manchester, John Rylands Library, 1970, p. 21.

“...Hebrew was not a living language any longer.” – A.T. Robertson, *A Grammar of the Greek New Testament in the Light of Historical Research*, 1919, p. 94.

³ E.g. “...the majority of the Dead Sea Scrolls were written in Hebrew... [and] include biblical texts, non-biblical literary works, and documents such as deeds and letters. ...These texts illustrate the vitality of the Hebrew language in ancient Judea.” – www.deadseascrolls.org.il/learn-about-the-scrolls/languages-and-scripts (Accessed Dec. 2021.)

“The Qumran Caves Scrolls ...dates range from the third century BCE... to the first century [CE]... While Hebrew is the most frequently used language in the Scrolls, about 15% were written in Aramaic and several in Greek.” – www.deadseascrolls.org.il/learn-about-the-scrolls/introduction (Accessed Dec. 2021.)

“Indeed, it is generally believed that the Dead Sea Scrolls, specifically the Copper Scroll [50 – 100 C.E.] and also the Bar-Kokhba letters [< 135 C.E.], have furnished clear evidence of the popular character of MH [Mishnaic Hebrew].” – Miguel Pérez Fernández, *An Introductory Grammar of Rabbinic Hebrew*, 1997, p. 3.

Mishna¹ provide ample evidence that Hebrew was still a living language around the first century C.E.!

Furthermore, there is internal evidence in a number of New Testament books that the original autograph was written in Hebrew. Some of these indications are even clearly visible in Greek-based English translations! Let's discuss one example:

Most Western Christians know exactly two Hebrew words: 'Amen' and 'Hallelujah.' That's all, except for a few Hebrew names of course. So, what do such people typically assume? They just assume that it is normal for anyone and everyone to know only these two Hebrew words. They don't even realize that the original authors of the New Testament would have known more than two Hebrew words!

Interestingly, the Book of Revelation uses both these Hebrew words, 'Amen' and 'Hallelujah'! Revelation 19:4 (ESV):

"And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, 'Amen. Hallelujah!'"²

¹ "...what was the language of ordinary life of educated native Jews in Jerusalem and Judea in the period from 400 B.C.E. to 150 C.E.? The evidence presented by MH [Mishnaic Hebrew] and its literature leaves no doubt that that language was MH [Mishnaic Hebrew]. Of course, those educated Judeans also understood Aramaic, and used it even in writing, but only occasionally, and not habitually..." M.H. Segal, *A Grammar of Mishnaic Hebrew*, 1980, p. 13.

² All emphasis throughout introductory sections were added for clarity. However, in the transcript / translation section, emphasis in English translation reflects emphasis in Hebrew text.

Let's just stop to ask the question: "If John used Hebrew words like 'Amen' and 'Hallelujah', why are we taught that the entire Book of Revelation was originally written in Greek?" Below are three hypothetical excuses:

1. "Perhaps Revelation was given in Hebrew, but John translated everything into Greek 'on the fly' and only retained two Hebrew words, 'Amen' and 'Hallelujah.'"
2. "John could not speak Hebrew and only knew these two Hebrew words (just like us Western Christians) – and thus Revelation was graciously given to him in Greek!"
3. "Perhaps John could speak Hebrew, but the heavenly beings who praised the Most High in Revelation 7:11-12 and 19:4 do not speak Hebrew. In fact, everything in heaven is spoken in Greek and only two Hebrew words are used, 'Amen' and 'Hallelujah.'"

Doesn't this sound ridiculous? Well, this is the dilemma which many New Testament scholars face. To advocate that Revelation was originally written in Greek, they have to believe one of these absurd proposals just mentioned.

It would make much more sense to say that John wrote the original copy in Hebrew; that YHWH, Yeshua and the heavenly beings in heaven speak Hebrew;¹ and that the Greek translation of Revelation was only made afterwards, using the original Hebrew text. If the inspired message of Revelation was given in Hebrew, why would John only record a second-hand

¹ See e.g. Acts 26:14.

Greek translation, allowing the original Hebrew prophecy to be lost for ever?

One should keep in mind that there were Messianic Jews throughout the Mediterranean region and the Middle East who would have been able to read the original Hebrew version, and translate that into Greek, Latin or Aramaic as needed by non-Jewish believers in the assembly.¹

Thus, using merely an English translation of Revelation and some common sense, it is obvious that Revelation could not originally have been written in Greek, but was rather originally written in Hebrew.

In the sections to follow, we will discuss technical linguistic proofs from this Hebrew manuscript which confirm the Hebrew origin of Revelation.

About the Hebrew Manuscript

The Hebrew manuscript used for this translation of Revelation is from the Cambridge University Library, ms. Oo.1.16.²

¹ The Old-Testament scriptures were also originally composed in Hebrew and were only later translated into Greek, Aramaic and various other languages when deemed necessary.

² Photos of the applicable folios can be seen on pp. 117 – 126.

Interestingly, it was found in one of the Jewish Synagogues in Cochin, India!¹

The first part of this manuscript is written in a semi-cursive script and contains Acts - Ephesians. The second part is written in a very small cursive script and fits the whole Revelation on only five folios!² Throughout the manuscript there are various Hebrew notes by past readers. The notes are generally either neutral³ or negative,⁴ but there are also some positive⁵ comments! It should also be noted that the scribes of the Cochin Hebrew New Testament manuscripts did not delete the instances where the original authors referred to Yeshua as the Messiah.⁶

¹ A similar manuscript, ms. Oo.1.32, was also found in 1806 by Buchanan in Cochin, India. Unfortunately, these two manuscripts have not received much attention over the past 200 years since they were brought to the U.K.

² Written on both sides – ms. Oo.1.16, folios 102r - 106v.

³ E.g. notes containing a summary of several verses, a reference to similar passages in the Old Testament, or notes correcting mistakes (genuine or apparent).

⁴ E.g. at Rev. 7:10, a reader commented, “קשה” (difficult!).

⁵ E.g. at Rev. 21, a reader commented, “זוה פרק טוב מאד” (‘This chapter is very good! Good! Good!’). Revelation 15:3 has the following note:

“זוה הרבה טוב שהקדים למשה” (‘This is very good as it is zealous for Moses,’ or possibly ‘It is very good that he was zealous for Moses’).

⁶ Although the word ‘Messiah’ is at times less frequent in the Cochin Hebrew New Testament manuscripts than ‘Christ’ in the Greek New Testament, there was no attempt to entirely obliterate the instances where the original authors referred to Yeshua as the Messiah. In contrast, the Shem Tov version of Matthew (as part of an anti-missionary book) deletes every instance where **the writer** Matthew

Internal evidence indicates that not all the books in this manuscript¹ derive from the same source. For example, the first part² of the manuscript does not contain the indications of authenticity expected in a faithful copy of an original Hebrew document. Rather, it is quite similar to the Aramaic (Syriac) Peshitta,³ and also contains Aramaic or Aramaic-like words, not properly translated into Hebrew.⁴

In contrast, the second part⁵ of this C.U.L. Oo.1.16 manuscript contains many differences when compared to the Greek, Latin, and Aramaic versions. It also shows the many linguistic evidences of authenticity expected in a genuine copy of an original Hebrew document: gapping of explicit subjects and objects; Hebrew word plays; inversed word order; Hebrew keywords linking sections together; and differences which

himself calls Yeshua the Messiah. In the Greek version of Matthew, the author refers to Yeshua as the Messiah in: Mat.1:1; 1:17; 1:18; 11:2. The Shem Tov Matthew **never once** refers to Yeshua as the Messiah **from the author's perspective**.

¹ This also proves to be true of the Oo.1.32 manuscript.

² Acts – Ephesians, written in semi-cursive script.

³ For examples where Oo.1.16 agrees with the Peshitta against other versions see Act. 8:9 (Peshitta “I, I am great”); Act. 8:25 (Peshitta “word of God”); Act. 8:26 (Peshitta omits “that is desert”); Act. 2:30 (Peshitta “I will cause to sit”); 2 Cor. 6:2 (Peshitta uses “life” for ‘salvation’); etc.

⁴ Post-exilic Hebrew (e.g. in the biblical books Ezra & Nehemiah) does contain Aramized words, but see the following list of unusual Aramaisms in part one of Oo.1.16 which suggest an Aramaic sub-text and incomplete translation: “קודסא” for “הקודש” (Act. 1:5,8); “כהנא” for “הכהן” (Act. 9:2); “מרן” for “אדונינו” (Eph. 6:21,23); “ידענין” for “יודעים אנחנו” (1Cor. 8:4); “רצונה” for “רצונו” (1Cor. 7:37); “העמיד” for “הטביל” and “תעמדו” for “תטבילו” (Act. 1:5), etc.

⁵ Only includes Revelation, written in small cursive script.

indicate mistranslations in the Greek version.¹ It does not contain the many Peshitta-based Aramaisms found in part one of the manuscript,² and can in no way be seen as a translation from the Greek, Latin or Aramaic versions.

Evidence of Authenticity and Interesting Readings

This Hebrew manuscript of Revelation is the most interesting and amazing version of the book known to us.³ In this section we will discuss a few of the many interesting differences between the Hebrew and Greek traditions, as well as linguistic indications of authenticity in this Hebrew manuscript.

Hebrew title of the Book of Revelation

Incidentally, we don't need to search very far to find interesting

¹ Examples will be explained below in: Evidence of Authenticity.

² Post-exilic Hebrew did use some Aramized words. **Unlike** the first part of this manuscript, the few Aramaic words that do occur in this Hebrew Revelation **do not** correspond to the forms used in the Peshitta. For example, Rev. 8:1 uses the Biblical Aramaic expression “כִּשְׁעָה חֲדָא” which indicates ‘a moment’ rather than ‘an hour’.

³ We have also investigated other Hebrew copies of Revelation: Sloane 237 from the British library, Neofiti.33 from the Vatican Library, Hébreu 131 from the National Library of France – none of which proved to be linguistically authentic.

differences in the Hebrew Revelation. In fact, the first interesting difference is in chapter one, verse one!

"These are the confidential counsels (*sodot*) which YHWH¹ gave to Yeshua² Ha-Mashiach³..."⁴

The very word from which the title 'Revelation' is usually obtained, is different in this Hebrew version! Rather than the expected 'revelation' which would be '*chazon*'⁵ in Hebrew, we find '*sodot*' instead.

'*Sodot*' is the plural form of '*sod*,' and does not mean "revelation," but rather "confidential counsels" or "secrets." Thus the Hebrew title for the Book of Revelation should really be *Ele Ha-Sodot*,⁶ meaning '*These are the Confidential Counsels*.' To some people this might sound like a meaningless

¹ The manuscript uses the Hebrew abbreviation 'ה' (*he*) for "*Ha-Shem*," which literally means 'The Name.' For further discussion on this abbreviation 'ה' (*he*), see pp. 47-51. We have replaced '*Ha-Shem*' with transliterated consonants of 'the Name' itself: "YHWH." As for pronunciation, the only grammatically possible pronunciation, from which all other abbreviations / contractions can be formed, is '*Yah-weh*.' For more information see www.HebrewGospels.com/yhwh.

² The Hebrew name for 'Jesus'.

³ Or 'The Messiah.'

⁴ Rev. 1:1, translated from Oo.1.16.

⁵ Or 'Chizayon,' "חִזְיוֹן" or "חִזְיוֹן" in Hebrew – See translations by Franz Delitzsch and by Salkinson / Ginsburg.

⁶ This title could also be shortened to '*Sodot*' (*Confidential counsels*). Compare the Hebrew title for Deuteronomy, '*Ele Ha-Devarim*,' shortened to '*Devarim*.' Hebrew titles for Bible books are often formed from a keyword or phrase in the first verse of the applicable book.

variant, but interestingly, this Hebrew word ‘sod’ is repeated in several passages throughout the book.

Authentic Hebrew documents often contain such repeated keywords, and this can link together some seemingly unrelated verses or passages. Let’s consider an example from the Tanach (Old Testament):

Jeremiah 1:11-12: “‘What do you see Yirmeyahu?’¹ Then I said, ‘I see an almond branch.’ Then YHWH said to me, ‘You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to do it.’”²

In most English translations it is very difficult to see any connection between this vision and its interpretation. What does ‘an almond branch’ have to do with ‘watching’?

Well, in Hebrew this makes perfect sense, as a key root-word is repeated in the vision as well as in the interpretation! The Hebrew word for “almond” is ‘*shaqed*,’ and the Hebrew word for “watching” is ‘*shoqed*.’ Both these words are formed from the same root-word as shown below:

Root-word:	שָׁקַד	<i>Shaqad</i>
Almond:	שָׁקֵד	<i>Shaqed</i>
Watching:	שׁוֹקֵד	<i>Shoqed</i>

¹ Hebrew name for ‘Jeremiah.’

² Jer. 1:11-12, Translated from the Masoretic Text. In Hebrew:
"מַה־אַתָּה רֹאֶה יִרְמְיָהוּ וַאֲמַר מִקֵּל שָׁקֵד אֲנִי רֹאֶה: וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלַי הִיטַבְתָּ לְרֹאֹת כִּי־שָׁקֵד אֲנִי עַל־דְּבָרִי לַעֲשׂוֹתוֹ:"

Sadly, such keyword connections in the original Hebrew are nearly always lost in translation, not only in English but even in Greek! The Greek Septuagint translators rendered the Hebrew words '*shaged*' and '*shoqed*' as two Greek words which sound very different: '*karuinen*' and '*egregora*.'¹

Because most languages do not use similar words for 'almonds' and 'watching,' only the original Hebrew version fully preserves this beautiful keyword link.²

Now, with this background, let's get back to Revelation and the Hebrew word *Sod*. Not only does this word occur in chapter one verse one, but also in:

Revelation 1:20: "Now the confidential counsel (*sod*) of the seven stars..."

Revelation 10:7: "...all these confidential counsels (*sodot*) of YHWH will be completed..."

Revelation 17:5: "...The secret (*sod*) of the Great City Babel..."

¹ Jer. 1:11-12 in Septuagint Greek: "τί σὺ ὀρᾷς ιερεμια καὶ εἶπα βακτηρίαν καρυῖνην. καὶ εἶπεν κύριος πρὸς με καλῶς ἑώρακας διότι ἐγρήγορα ἐγὼ ἐπὶ τοὺς λόγους μου τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτούς"

² Second-hand translations can use (i) "almond" and "watching" which do not have any similarities in sound or meaning in most languages, or (ii) could be overly literal and translate both these words as "watching." But either way, half the original meaning is lost. In Hebrew the words '*shaged*' and '*shoqed*' perform double duty: they mean "almond" and "watching" and at the same time they have similar sounds as well as similar literal meanings.

Revelation 17:7: "...I want to tell you the secret (*sod*) of the woman..."

Thus in the Hebrew version there is a clear theme throughout the book, starting in chapter one, verse one!

However, the Greek version of Revelation uses '*apokalupsis*'¹ (meaning 'appearance' or 'revelation') in chapter one verse one, probably to interpret or explain to the reader that the secrets are now revealed. But just as we saw in the above example from Jeremiah, part of this keyword-based theme is lost in the Greek translation. The Greek word '*apokalupsis*' only occurs once in the entire Greek Revelation – with zero repetition! Also, reconstructed Hebrew translations which follow the Greek reading, all use words related to 'reveal' or 'appear'² in this verse, unlike this Hebrew manuscript.

Thus the Hebrew reading of Oo.1.16 for Revelation 1:1 is linguistically authentic, and not a second-hand translation, because:

1. The Hebrew reading enables a keyword-based theme throughout the book, and

¹ Greek: "Αποκάλυψις".

² "חזיון" (vision / revelation) and "חזיון" (vision / revelation) are generally used in translations - see translations by Franz Delitzsch and by Salkinson / Ginsburg. Others use e.g. "התגלויות" (revelation) - see Hébreu 131 from the National Library of France.

2. the Hebrew reading differs¹ from the Greek, Latin, and Aramaic versions by not using any form of 'reveal' or 'appear' in chapter one, verse one.²

If the Hebrew Revelation of Oo.1.16 derived from any Greek-based version, the above difference should not have existed.

Hebrew keyword repetition

Another example of section linking is found in the letter to the assembly of Smyrna. Even in standard English translations we can see that some form of the word 'die' is repeated in the introduction, exhortation, and promise sections:

Introduction: "The words of the first and the last, who **died** and came to life."³

Exhortation: "Be faithful unto **death**..."⁴

Promise: "The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second **death**."⁵

¹ Some other keyword-based themes can also be seen in the Greek and Greek-based translations, and such themes which are visible in **all versions** cannot indicate authenticity for any particular version.

² The Hebrew manuscript does have the word "revealed" in an introductory scribal heading, but not in the actual text of chapter one verse one, where it would be expected if it were a translation from any Greek-based version of Revelation.

³ Rev. 2:8, ESV.

⁴ Rev. 2:10, ESV.

⁵ Rev. 2:11, ESV.

Although the above theme with the keyword “die” is visible in any translation of Revelation, a second keyword is also repeated in this Hebrew manuscript of Revelation:

Acknowledgment: “I know your works and your sufferings...”¹

Exhortation: “...you will have suffering for ten days...”²

Promise: “Whosoever overcomes will not have suffering from the last death.”³

The Hebrew word repeated three times is “צער” (*tse’ar*) or “צערות” (*tse’arot*) in the plural.

Although the Greek and Latin versions use the same word for ‘suffering’ twice,⁴ this Hebrew manuscript repeats the same word a third time in the concluding section!

Following the Greek tradition, the Aramaic Peshitta and Greek-to-Hebrew translations do repeat the word for ‘suffering’ in verses 9 and 10, but not in verse 11.⁵ Why can’t any Greek-

¹ Rev. 2:8 [2:9], translated from Oo.1.16.

² Rev. 2:9 [2:10], translated from Oo.1.16.

³ Rev. 2:10 [2:11], translated from Oo.1.16.

⁴ See below, the Greek, Latin and Aramaic words used in Rev. 2:9-11 which correspond to the repeated Hebrew word *Tse’ar*.

Greek: “θλιψιν... θλιψιν ...ἀδικοηθῆναι”

Latin: “tribulationem... tribulationem ... lædetur”

⁵ Aramaic Peshitta: “אולצנך ... אולצנא...נהר”

Dalman / Delitzch: “צרתך ... בצרה... ינוק”

Salkinson / Ginsburg: “צרתך ... צרה... יפגע בו”

National Library of France, Hébreu 131: “צרתך ... צרה... ינוק”

based Hebrew translations repeat the same word again in verse 11? Because the Greek subtext of these translations uses a very different word in verse 11 than earlier in verses 9 and 10, and thus all subsequent translations follow suit.

Thus, the repeated keyword in this particular Hebrew manuscript (in verses 9, 10 and 11) is clear evidence that it cannot possibly be a translation from Greek, Latin nor Aramaic. This means that the Oo.1.16 Hebrew manuscript of Revelation has to derive from the original Hebrew version, as it preserves keyword themes which were lost in the Greek version and subsequent translations.

Hebrew wordplay

Similar to Hebrew keyword themes, Hebrew word play is also an important indication of authenticity. A good example of Hebrew word play is found in Revelation 3:

“Thus says... he who has the key of Dawid, who opens and no one is able to shut, and who shuts and no one is able to open:⁸ ‘I know your works. Look, I gave before you an open door and no one is able to shut it...”¹

This Hebrew wordplay involves the words “key,” “open” and “door.” Although we can see a logical or functional connection in any language, this Hebrew manuscript uses the same root

¹ Rev. 3:7-8, translated from Oo.1.16.

in each of these words, which results in a beautiful word play with internal rhyme:

Root-word:	פתח	<i>Patach</i>
The key:	המפתח	<i>Ha-Maphteach</i>
Who opens:	הפותח	<i>Ha-Poteach</i>
To open:	לפתוח	<i>Liphtoach</i>
Open (adjective):	פתוח	<i>Patuach</i>
Door:	פתח	<i>Petach</i>

This internal rhyme between the words ‘key,’ ‘open’ and ‘door’ is neither found in the Greek, Latin, nor Aramaic versions of Revelation!¹ First of all, this indicates that Revelation was originally dictated by Yeshua in Hebrew, as this word play is only possible in Hebrew!

Secondly, the internal rhyme again shows that this particular manuscript of Revelation is authentic. Although Greek-to-Hebrew translations can reclaim part of this word play,² it is not as impressive as the original Hebrew reading. These

¹ Comparison of actual inflected forms found in Revelation 3:7-8.

English	Hebrew (Oo.1.16)	Greek TR	Latin Vulgate	Aramaic Peshitta
the key	המפתח	τὴν κλεῖδα	<i>clavem</i>	קלידא
who opens	הפותח	ὁ ἀνοίγων	<i>qui aperit</i>	דפתח
door	פתח	θύραν	<i>ostium</i>	תרעא

² In the translations by Franz Delitzsch and by Salkinson / Ginsburg only the words for “open” and “key” are from the same root.

translations do not use the word '*petach*' for "door," but rather '*sha'ar*' or '*delet*.' As a result, only the words for "open" and "key" can rhyme in Hebrew translations derived from Greek, but the word for "door" does not form part of the rhyme.

Thus, no Hebrew translation derived from Greek should contain this full word play, and yet the Hebrew Revelation in the Oo.1.16 manuscript does. One cannot escape the conclusion that this particular Hebrew manuscript must be a faithful copy which contains original Hebrew readings and word plays.

Will the day-night cycle cease on the new earth?

Many people perceive the Book of Revelation as a difficult prophetic book, partly because it can be challenging to reconcile certain prophecies in the Old Testament with those given in Revelation. For example, Revelation 22:5 translated from Greek says:

"Night will no longer exist..."¹

And chapter 21:25 states:

"its gates will never be shut by day, for there will be no night there."²

¹ Rev. 22:5, Holman Christian Standard Bible. Some translations: "night will be no more".

² Rev. 21:25, translated from Greek.

Based on the above verses translated from the Greek version of Revelation, many scholars¹ have concluded that the day-night cycle will cease on the new earth, and that it will always be day as "its gates will never be shut by day, for there will be no night there."²

However, Revelation 20:10 mentions "day and night," and chapter 22:2 mentions "every month," which could only be possible if day and night continued as before.

YHWH himself also declared that Sabbaths and New Moons will be kept on the new earth:

"For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make, will remain before me, declares YHWH, so will your offspring and your name remain. And it will be, that from Sabbath to Sabbath, and from New Moon to New Moon,³ all flesh will come to bow down before me, says YHWH."⁴

¹ See e.g. *Exposition of the Book of Revelation, New Testament Commentary*, vol. 20, pp. 579, 582: "the cessation of night... ..in the new creation the cosmic division of night and day will have ceased to function"; *Revelation, Baker exegetical commentary on the New Testament*, p. 764; *The New International Greek Testament Commentary, The book of Revelation*, p. 1096; *The teacher's commentary*, p. 1088; etc.

² Rev. 21:25, translated from Greek.

³ Or "every week on the Sabbath, and every month on the New Moon..."

⁴ Is. 66:22-23, translated from the Masoretic Text.

Without the day and night cycle, Sabbath is impossible, and without the lunar cycles, new moons are impossible too.

In Jeremiah chapter 33, it is stated that the day-night cycle is just as permanent as YHWH's covenant with David!

"Thus says YHWH, 'If you can break my covenant with the day, and my covenant with the night, so that daytime and night-time will not be in their time – then my covenant will also be broken with Dawid my servant, that he will have no son ruling as king upon his throne..."¹

Yeshua Messiah is the ultimate fulfilment of this prophecy about the 'Son of David.' So how can we on the one hand believe that the day-night cycle will cease, but on the other hand still think that the covenant with David regarding the Messiah will never be broken?

Based on the above-mentioned verses from Isaiah and Jeremiah, there is absolutely no way that the day-night cycle will cease. So, why does the Greek Revelation only mention daytime in chapter 21:25 as if there will be no night at all?

"...its gates will never be shut by day, for there will be no night there."²

¹ Jer. 33:20-21, translated from the Masoretic Text.

² Rev. 21:25, translated from Greek Textus Receptus.

Remarkably, the Hebrew version of Revelation quotes¹ from the Old Testament both in chapter 21:25 and 22:5, and this clears up most of the confusion caused by these verses in the Greek version! Revelation 21:25 (mostly quoted from Isaiah 60:11):

Oo.1.16:

"וּפְתָחוּ שַׁעֲרֵיךָ תָמִיד יוֹמָם וּלַיְלָה לֹא יִסָּגְרוּ כִּי לֹא יִהְיֶה לַיְלָה"

= "And your gates will be open continually, day and night they will not be shut, for there will not be night."

In this Hebrew version of Revelation there is no hint that the day-night cycle will cease as it clearly mentions both "day and night."

But, how is it possible that "day and night" "there will not be night"? How can there be night, and at the same time, no night? This is only a seeming contradiction. In Hebrew, 'night' and 'darkness' are synonymous.² The very first mention of 'night' in the Bible (Genesis 1:5), is where Elohim calls 'the darkness' 'night'!

¹ Note that there are some minor differences between these verses in the Hebrew Revelation and the Masoretic text. This clearly shows that these phrases were NOT fraudulently inserted into Revelation just to conform it to the Old Testament. If that were the case, then why would there be any differences from the Masoretic Text?

² For examples where "night" refers to darkness and not to a specific time of the day, see Ps. 139:11, Mic. 3:6, etc.

"Then Elohim called the light day, and the darkness he called night..."¹

Thus the correct understanding of Revelation 21:25 is that during the day and night, there will be no darkness in the New Jerusalem!

Conversely, in the Greek translation the first occurrence of "night" in Revelation 21:25 is omitted, possibly to avoid the seeming contradiction of 'night' and 'no night' at the same time. Regrettably, this omission in the Greek version only increases the possibility for confusion, as it suggests that only day will exist but no night.

Now let's discuss Revelation 22:5. In the Hebrew Revelation this verse is mostly quoted from Isaiah 60:19!

Oo.1.16:

"ולא יהיה עוד בה השמש לאור יומם וללנה והירח לא
יאיר לך והיה לך ה' לאור עולם ואלהיך לתפארתך"

= "And in it the sun will no more be for light by day, neither for brightness will the moon shine for you,² but YHWH will be an eternal light for you, and your Elohim will be your glory."

This verse again implies both daytime and night-time, as both the sun and the moon are mentioned! During daytime and

¹ Gen. 1:5, translated from the Masoretic Text.

² Could also be translated: "And in it the sun will no more be for light by day, and for brightness; neither will the moon shine for you..."

night-time the New Jerusalem won't need any light except that of YHWH!

It is noteworthy that the Greek version attempts to simplify the Hebrew readings, and 'correct' the seeming contradictions of 'night' and 'no night' at the same time:

"Night will no longer exist, and people will not need lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will give them light..."¹

This is typical of translations, and indicates that the Hebrew reading is the original while the Greek reading is a translation which attempts to superficially 'fix' the problem.

However, careful study shows that the more difficult, seeming contradictory Hebrew Revelation is perfectly understandable. It matches the Old Testament prophecies about the permanence of the day-night cycle as well as the Hebrew meaning of 'night'.

How can the tree of life be on both sides of the river?

The "tree of life" in Revelation 22 is another controversial topic. Translated from Greek, Revelation 22:2 reads:

¹ Rev. 22:5, Holman Christian Standard Bible.

"On both sides of the river was the tree of life bearing 12 kinds of fruit... The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations"¹

How can the "tree of life" be on both sides of the river at the same time? This question has intrigued many people. Without the essential knowledge of the Hebrew meaning of "tree," many erroneous interpretations have been fabricated.

Some have suggested that the tree of life grows in the middle of the river with branches extending to both sides.² Others think that the tree of life has a split trunk extending across the river, so that the tree literally grows on both sides at the same time.³ It has even been speculated that the tree of life is not on both sides of the river, but rather the river flows on both sides of the tree!⁴

¹ Rev. 22:2, Holman Christian Standard Bible.

² "DURHAM suppose[d], *the tree* was in the midst of the river, and extending its branches to both banks" – Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset, and David Brown, *A Commentary, Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible*, par. 24222.

³ "...artists have represented a split-trunk tree, with one half on either side of the river of life, meeting up in the middle..." – J. Kluttz, *The Spirit World*, p. 55.

⁴ "MEDE suppose[d]... in the midst of the plain, which itself is in the midst of the river's branches, stood the tree" – Robert Jamieson, A. R. Fausset, and David Brown, *A Commentary, Critical and Explanatory on the Whole Bible*, par. 24222.

"This would mean... ..in the middle of the city's street is a single tree of life, located between either side of the river, 'which at this point has diverged into two branches.'" – *The New International Greek Testament*

Others say there will be three trees, one in the middle of the river, and one on either side.¹

Further confusion is caused by the statement that this tree will bear **twelve** kinds of fruit! Biblically speaking, it is absolutely impossible for any tree to bear more than one kind of fruit. Consider the following passages in Genesis:

“Let the earth cause to sprout... fruit trees bearing fruit **according to their kind...**”²

“The earth brought forth... trees bearing fruit with their seed inside them, **according to their kind...**”³

The same pattern of “according to their kind” is repeated over and over throughout Genesis chapter one. The New Testament also confirms that it is impossible for one tree to bear various kinds of fruit:

Commentary: The book of Revelation, p. 1104 (Quoting from: Beasley-Murray, *Revelation*, p. 331).

“Others say that the river of life is narrow and that it flows on both sides of the tree” – Wheaton, *The Bible knowledge commentary: An exposition of the scriptures*, vol. 2, p. 987.

¹ “for there were **three trees**; one in the street, and one on each side of the river” – B. Blayney, *et al.*, *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge, enhanced and expanded*, vol. 2, p. 117.

² Genesis 1:11, translated from the Masoretic Text.

³ Genesis 1:12, translated from the Masoretic Text.

"By their deeds you will recognize them – for a man is not able to gather grapes from a bramble,¹ neither figs from thorn bushes."²

"Or is a tree of dates able to give oil, or a vine – figs? So the fountain is not able to give salt and sweet waters."³

Is it really possible that after all, YHWH is going to change His mind and create one tree which produces various kinds of fruit? One tree with a split trunk across the river? One tree with enough leaves to provide all the nations with medicine?

Remarkably, the Hebrew Bible again holds the key to understanding this passage! Did you know that in the above verses from Genesis 1:11 and 1:12, every occurrence of the English word "trees" (plural) is actually singular in the original Hebrew? The Hebrew word "עֵץ" (*'ets*) in the singular form is very often used to refer to many trees collectively. When this Hebrew word is used in the plural "עֵצִים" (*'etsim*), it usually refers to hewn down trees or wood, and not to growing trees! For example, Genesis 22:7:

"הִנֵּה הָאֵשׁ וְהָעֵצִים וְאֵימָה הַשֶּׁה לְעֹלָה"⁴

¹ Hebrew "סנה." Acc. to some sources, a brambleberry or blackberry bush.

² Matthew 7:16, translated from Hebrew, ms. Vat. Ebr. 100.

³ James 3:12, translated from C.U.L. Oo.1.32.

⁴ Gen. 22:7, Masoretic text.

= "Here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Thus, in Hebrew one does not generally refer to living / growing trees by using the plural noun "עצים," but rather by using the singular noun "עץ" collectively. Therefore, the singular form "tree" in Revelation 22:2 does not even hint at one single tree, but rather refers to many trees as implied by the immediate context – they grow on both sides of the river!

Also, the Hebrew Revelation confirms that the "tree of life" refers to various kinds of fruit trees, not to one kind bearing twelve different kinds of fruit! Revelation 22:2:

Oo.1.16:

"באמצע הרחובות ועל הנחל יעלה על שפתו מזה ומזה
כל עץ מאכל ועץ החיים ועליו היה שניים עשר מיני פירות
והיה פריו למאכל ועלהו לתרופה"

= "And in the midst¹ of the plains, even beside the stream, there grew up on its bank – on this side and on that side – every tree of food, even the tree of life.² And on it were twelve kinds of fruit, and its fruit was for food, and its foliage for healing."³

¹ Or possibly "among'.

² This verse from the Hebrew Revelation is mostly quoted from Eze. 47:12. See also Eze. 47:7.

³ For better understanding in English, the Hebrew collective use can be translated as plural (Most English translations do that with Eze. 47:12). "And among the plains, even besides the stream, there grew up all kinds of fruit trees – on both sides of its banks – namely, the trees of

Take note that “every tree of food” is collectively referred to as “the tree of life.” Thus “tree” in this context means “trees” (plural).

Ezekiel 47:12 confirms that fresh fruit will be produced every month (12 times), and Ezekiel 47:7 establishes the fact that there will be many trees, not just one!

“...on the banks of the stream were exceedingly many trees, on this side and on that side.”¹

Thus there is no reason for creative speculation about the tree of life. The Hebrew Old Testament and the Hebrew Revelation are in perfect agreement. There will be many trees growing on both sides of the river, all kinds of fruit trees, not just one tree or one kind of tree.

Is Yeshua the Alpha and Omega?

It is common knowledge that Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. Having already discussed some logical and linguistic evidence for the Hebrew origin of Revelation, it is rather obvious that this Greek expression ‘Alpha and Omega’ is not the original expression used in Revelation, but just the Greek translation thereof.

The question thus arises – what is the original Hebrew phrase translated into Greek as ‘Alpha’ and ‘Omega’? Most people

life. And on them were twelve kinds of fruit, and their fruit was for food, and their leaves for healing”.

¹ Eze. 47:7, translated from the Masoretic text.

think it should be 'Aleph' and 'Taw,' the first and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. But note that the expression "אלף ותו" (Aleph and Taw) or similar, never occurs in the Hebrew Old Testament – not even once!

There is a common misunderstanding that the expression 'Aleph and Taw' is the same as the Hebrew object marker "את" (*et*), which is spelled with an Aleph and a Taw, but compare the difference below:

"את" = marker of object in a sentence.¹

"אלף ותו" = "Aleph and Taw" or 'first and last.'

The Hebrew word "את" (*et*) is never used with the same meaning as the expression 'Aleph and Taw.' 'Aleph and Taw' indicates 'first and last,' while the object marker '*et*' merely indicates the object(s) in a sentence, or occasionally it places emphasis on a certain word. Below are some examples. The position of the Hebrew word '*et*' will be indicated by "(object:)" in each translated phrase:

Genesis 1:1:

"בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ:"²

= "In *the* beginning Elohim Created (object:) the heavens and (object:) the earth."

¹ There are several other Hebrew words also spelled "את" but none of these mean "first and last."

² Gen. 1:1, Masoretic text.

Exodus 2:1:

”וַיֵּלֶךְ אִישׁ מִבֵּית לֵוִי וַיִּקַּח אֶת-בֵּת-לֵוִי׃¹”

= “Then a man from the house of Lewi went and took (object:) the daughter of Lewi.”

Often this object marker “את” (*et*) is essential to avoid confusion between the subject and object of a verb – compare the following two phrases:

Genesis 5:32: “...וַיֹּלֶד נֹחַ...” = “...then Noah begot...”

Genesis 5:25: “...וַיֹּלֶד אֶת-לָמֶךְ...” = “...then he begot (object:) Lamech...”

The difference between the above translations is indicated and required by the presence or absence of the marker “את” (*et*). Below is another clear example:

Joshua 7:24: “...וַיִּקַּח יְהוֹשֻׁעַ...” = “...then Yehoshua took...”

Numbers 27:22: “...וַיִּקַּח אֶת-יְהוֹשֻׁעַ...” = “...then he took (object:) Yehoshua...”

In the above examples it is clear that “את” (*et*) does not at all mean ‘first and last,’ but only marks the object. In fact, there is no single example of “את” in the entire Old Testament with the meaning ‘first and last.’

¹ Ex. 2:1, Masoretic text.

Seeing that the expression 'Aleph and Taw' does not occur in the Old Testament at all, and the various Hebrew words spelled "את" never mean 'first and last' – does it make sense that the original Hebrew Revelation would have used the expression 'Aleph and Taw'? Or could it be that the expression 'Alpha and Omega' in the Greek Revelation is just a fancy translation of a different original Hebrew phrase?

Let's compare the Hebrew vs. Greek versions of Revelation – there are four verses in the Greek Textus Receptus which use 'Alpha and Omega':

Revelation 1:8:

Greek Textus Receptus:¹ "Εγώ εἰμι τὸ Α καὶ τὸ Ω, ἀρχὴ καὶ τέλος..."

= "I am the A(lpha) and the O(mega), *the* beginning and *the* end..."


Oo.1.16: "אני הוא הראשון והאחרון תחילת והסוף..."

= "I am the first and the last, *the* beginning and the end..."

The Hebrew Revelation uses 'first and last' instead of 'Alpha and Omega'! This is very unique, as all reconstructed Hebrew translations from Greek, Latin or Aramaic use either 'Aleph and Taw' or 'Alpha and Omega'.² This unique difference suggests

¹ Byzantine MT etc. read "Αλφα" instead of just "Α".

² Dalman / Delitzsch: "הָאֵלֶף וְהַתָּו" 

Salkinson / Ginsburg: "אֵלֶף וְתָו" 

that the Hebrew Revelation is not merely a secondhand translation from Greek. Below are the three other applicable verses:

Revelation 1:11:

Greek Textus Receptus:¹ "Εγώ εἰμι τὸ Α καὶ τὸ Ω,..."

= "I am the A(lpha) and the O(mega)..."

Oo.1.16: "...אני הראשון והאחרון..."

= "I am the first and the last..."

Revelation 21:6:

Greek Textus Receptus:² "ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ Α καὶ τὸ Ω, ἡ ἀρχὴ καὶ τὸ τέλος..."

= "I am the A(lpha) and the O(mega), the beginning and the end..."

Oo.1.16: "...אני הראשון והאחרון תחילת והסוף..."

= "I am the first and the last, *the* beginning and the end..."

Revelation 22:13:

National Library of France, Hébreu 131: "אֶלְפָּא וְאֵמֶנָה"

¹ Byzantine MT etc. omit this phrase.

² Byzantine MT etc. read "Αλφα" instead of just "Α".

Greek Textus Receptus:¹ "ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ Α καὶ τὸ Ω, ἀρχὴ καὶ τέλος, ὁ πρῶτος καὶ ὁ ἔσχατος,"

= "I am the A(lpha) and the O(mega), *the* beginning and *the* end, the first and the last."

Oo.1.16: "אני הראשון והאחרון תחילת והסוף..."

= "I am the first and the last, *the* beginning and the end..."

It is fascinating that the Hebrew Revelation does not use 'Aleph and Taw' nor 'Alpha and Omega' even once! Instead, it uses the phrase 'first and last,' which is also (not surprisingly) found in the Old Testament!

Isaiah 44:6:

"כֹּה־אָמַר יְהוָה מֶלֶךְ־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגֹאֲלִי יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת אֲנִי
רִאשׁוֹן וְאַחֲרֹן וְיִמְבָּלְעֵנִי אֵין אֱלֹהִים:"²

= "Thus says YHWH the king of Yisrael, and his Redeemer YHWH Tseva'ot, I am *the* first, and I am *the* last, and except for me there is no Elohim."

It is very important to note that in Revelation 22:13, Yeshua himself claims to be the first and the last! When compared with the above verse from Isaiah 44 it is clear that Yeshua

¹ Byzantine MT etc. read "Ἀλφά" instead of just "Α", and place the phrase 'the beginning and the end' after 'the first and the last'.

² Is. 44:6, Masoretic Text.

claimed that he himself is YHWH (and not the Greek 'Alpha and Omega')!

Isaiah 48:12-13:

...אֲנִי-הוּא אֲנִי רִאשׁוֹן אֶף אֲנִי אַחֲרֹון : אֶף-יְדִי יִסְדָּה אֶרֶץ
 וְיָמִינִי טִפְּחָה שָׁמַיִם...¹

= "...I am he: I am *the first*, also I am *the last*, also my hand founded the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens..."

By claiming to be the first and the last, Yeshua claimed that he is YHWH, and the Creator of heaven and earth!²

As shown above, the Hebrew Revelation clearly matches the Old Testament phrase 'first and last,' and neither uses the Greek 'Alpha and Omega' nor the non-Biblical Hebrew expression 'Aleph and Taw'!

Inversed word order

Inversed word order is one of the frequent differences between the original Hebrew and the second-hand Greek Septuagint translation of the Old Testament.

Possibly for stylistic reasons, or otherwise simply because of carelessness, the Greek translators of the Septuagint often

¹ Is. 48:12-13, Masoretic Text.

² Compare John chapter one in the www.HebrewGospels.com version.

reversed the order of two words or phrases when they translated from the original Hebrew text.

This phenomenon should not be confused with differences in syntactical order, which is required by Greek vs. Hebrew grammar. For example, the Greek word '*gar*' (meaning 'for,' etc.) usually stands in the 'second position' (as the second word in a clause), but the Hebrew equivalent '*ki*' is normally in the 'first position' (similar to English). When scholars revert a Greek translation back to Hebrew, they can easily move the Hebrew equivalent '*ki*' to the correct position in the clause, as this difference is simply required by Hebrew grammar as opposed to Greek grammar.

Below is an example where the Septuagint Greek translation has two words in the opposite order than the Hebrew Masoretic Text, without any grammatical requirement:

Genesis 30:43:

Hebrew Masoretic Text:

שִׁפְחוֹת וְעִבְרִים וְנִמְלִים וְחֲמֹרִים

= "female servants and male servants and camels and asses"

Greek Septuagint: "παῖδες καὶ παιδίσκαι καὶ κάμηλοι καὶ ὄνοι"

= "male servants and female servants and camels and asses"

The order of the words is clearly different in the Greek translation than the original Hebrew.

Now let us look at an example where two phrases are in the opposite order:

Ezekiel 5:12:

Hebrew Masoretic Text:

"...בְּחָרֶב יִפְּלוּ סְבִיבוֹתֶיךָ... לְכָל-רוּחַ אֲזִיחָה..."

= "...will fall round about you by the sword... I will scatter to every wind..."

Greek Septuagint: "εἰς πάντα ἄνεμον σκορπιῶ αὐτούς... ἐν ῥομφαίᾳ πεσοῦνται κύκλῳ σου..."

= "...I will scatter them to every wind... will fall round about you by the sword..."

In this example it is clear that the two phrases are in the opposite order in the Hebrew, compared to the Greek. This phenomenon is very common when comparing the Greek translation vs. the Hebrew text of the Old Testament. In fact, there are at least eighty¹ (80) verses in Genesis alone, where the Greek Septuagint uses a different² order than the Hebrew, without any grammatical requirement!

¹ Manually confirmed Accordance search using the MT-LXX parallel.

² Mostly two words or phrases are placed in the opposite order (as shown in the above examples), but some differences are more complicated. Though these differences are often invisible in English

To reiterate, it is evident that Greek translators / editors very often made these changes in word / phrase order, even where grammar does not require it to be done.

Scholars have attempted to translate the Greek Septuagint back to Hebrew in an attempt to reclaim the Hebrew text on which the Septuagint was based. However, except where grammar demands a different order, even scholars do not know in which instances the word order needs to be changed, and in which the word order needs to remain the same as in the Greek text.

Similarly, Greek-based Hebrew translations of Revelation leave e.g. lists of nouns in the exact same order as in the Greek, because grammar does not demand a specific order for such lists of nouns.¹

So, if this Hebrew version of Revelation is simply a translation, we should never see non-grammatical inversed word order when compared to the standard versions – but we do. Below are some² examples where the word order in the Hebrew Revelation is different than the Greek, without any grammatical requirement:

Revelation 3:12:

Oo.1.16: "השם מירושלים החדש העיר אלהי"

translations of the Masoretic Text vs. the Septuagint, they are very clearly visible in the actual Greek vs. Hebrew texts.

¹ See e.g. translations by Franz Delitzsch and by Salkinson / Ginsburg.

² There are many other occurrences which are not listed here.

= "the name of the new Yerushalayim,¹ the city of my Elohim"

Greek Textus Receptus: "τὸ ὄνομα τῆς πόλεως τοῦ Θεοῦ μου, τῆς καινῆς Ἱερουσαλήμ"

= "the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem"

Revelation 4:5:

Oo.1.16: "קולות ורעמים וברקים"

= "voices and thunders and lightnings"

Greek Textus Receptus:² "ἀστραπαὶ καὶ βρονταὶ καὶ φωναί"

= "lightnings and thunders and voices"

Revelation 5:1:

Oo.1.16:

"וזה שישב על הכסא ראיתי ביד ימינו ספר אחד"

= "And he who sat on the throne – I saw a scroll in his right hand..."

¹ Hebrew name for 'Jerusalem'.

² Other Greek versions "ἀστραπαὶ καὶ φωναὶ καὶ βρονταὶ" – still in different order than Oo.1.16.

Greek Textus Receptus: "Καὶ εἶδον ἐπὶ τὴν δεξιὰν τοῦ καθημένου ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου βιβλίον"

= "And I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a book..."

Revelation 9:15:

Oo.1.16:

"להמית השליש מבני אדם בשעה וביום ובחודש ובשנה
אחד"

= 'to kill the third of the sons of man in an hour and in a day and in a month and in a year'

Greek Textus Receptus: "τὴν ὥραν καὶ ἡμέραν καὶ μῆνα καὶ ἐνιαυτόν, ἵνα ἀποκτείνωσι τὸ τρίτον τῶν ἀνθρώπων."

= "...an hour and a day and a month and a year, to kill the third of men"

Revelation 14:9:

Oo.1.16: "להפסל ולהחיה"

= "to the image and to the animal"

Greek Textus Receptus: "τὸ θηρίον... καὶ τὴν εἰκόνα"

= "the animal and its image"

From the above examples, it is evident that the Hebrew Revelation often has a different word order than the Greek

translation, just as the Hebrew Masoretic Text often has words or phrases in an order which differs from the second-hand Septuagint translation.

In each of the above examples from the Hebrew Revelation:

1. There is no grammatical requirement for the difference in word order, and
2. the scholarly Greek-based translations to Hebrew have each of these phrases in the same order as the Greek, and
3. the Hebrew word order in Oo.1.16 is also different than that of the Aramaic Peshitta and Latin Vulgate.

These differences in word order in this particular Hebrew Revelation is yet another clear indication that it is linguistically authentic. It must derive from the original Hebrew version and cannot be obtained from the Greek, Aramaic, or Latin versions.

Gapping

Word 'gapping' is frequent in the Hebrew Old Testament as well as in other authentic Hebrew documents. Gapped words are understood in the Hebrew text without being explicitly written out. Greek translators often inserted these 'gapped' words into their translations, and once that is done, we have a problem. When such a Greek translation is reverted back to Hebrew, nobody knows which nouns, verbs, etc. were originally gapped, and which were part of the original text.

Thus, Greek-based Hebrew translations of Revelation simply have the Greek text translated into Hebrew with virtually no gapping. Below we will focus on two kinds of 'gapping' in the Hebrew Revelation of Oo.1.16 that cannot be reclaimed from the Greek, Aramaic, or Latin versions, and are thus evidence of linguistic authenticity. In these examples, Hebrew grammar and syntax do not require gapping and thus reconstructed Hebrew translations from Greek (e.g. by Franz Delitzch and by Salkinson etc.) do not have these words gapped.

Gapping of explicit subject:

Explicit subject gapping is very common in the Hebrew Old Testament. A sentence (or paragraph) will often only define the subject once (or perhaps twice), and afterwards simply refer to the subject as "he," "she" or "they," etc. We even do this in English, but not to the same extent as found in Classical / Biblical Hebrew. Below is an example of explicit subject gapping:

Genesis 3:1:

Hebrew Masoretic Text: "וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהֵי-הַתְּאֵשֶׁת"

= "then he [*the serpent*] said to the woman"

In the above example, the explicit subject [*the serpent*] has been supplied (added) in square brackets, but it is not actually written in the Hebrew Text! We say that the explicit subject is 'gapped,' or 'understood by context.' Only by reading the

context can we know that the 'he' in Genesis 3:1 refers to the serpent and not to YHWH nor to Adam.

In cases where confusion might occur, translators often insert the implied explicit subject to help their readers understand the text without any difficulty. (In most translations, this is done without any indication - no brackets or font change is used!) For example, in the above verse from Genesis chapter 3, the Greek Septuagint translation inserts the Greek word for 'serpent' to eliminate any ambiguity.

Genesis 3:1:

Greek Septuagint: "καὶ εἶπεν ὁ ὄφης τῇ γυναικί"

= "then the serpent said to the woman"

Thus, if we compare two texts of the Bible in different languages, and find that an explicit subject is gapped in the one but supplied in the other, we know that the less interpretive version is closer to the original. This argument is especially strong in a context where confusion is likely to occur if the subject is not stated explicitly.¹ Translators always strive to remove any possible ambiguity from their translations. If the resultant translation could cause confusion, translators would not leave out the explicit subject if it existed in the original text.

Now, let's look at such an example of explicit subject gapping in the Hebrew Revelation:

¹ See our introduction to Mark for a good example from the Old Testament. (www.HebrewGospels.com/mark)

Revelation 18:3:

Oo.1.16: "כִּי כֹלֶם שְׁתוּ מִיַּיִנָּה"

= "For all of them have drunk of her wine"

Greek Textus Receptus: "ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ οἴνου... πέπωκε
πάντα τὰ ἔθνη"

= "For all nations have drunk of the wine..."

If we read the beginning of verse 3 together with the last part of verse 2, we can see the reason for the addition in the Greek translation:

"And it became a dwelling of satans,¹ and to hide all the unclean ones of the birds and creeping things.³
For all of them have drunk of her wine..."²

At a first glance, one might think that "all of them" refers to the just-mentioned creatures in verse 2, or else the "satans" – but the larger context makes it clear that "all of them" refers to the "nations" as stated four chapters earlier in Revelation 14:8, and not to demons nor animals. Thus, to avoid confusion the Greek translation supplies or adds the explicit subject "nations" – but without indicating that it is an addition.

The gapping of the explicit subject in this context is very good proof that the Hebrew Revelation contained in Oo.1.16 derives

¹ Or 'demons.'

² Rev. 18:2-3, translated from Oo.1.16.

from the original Hebrew version and is not a second-hand translation from Greek, Aramaic or Latin.¹

Gapping of explicit object:

Explicit object gapping works just like *explicit subject* gapping, but the words in question are objects rather than subjects.

Revelation 1:13 is a good example of explicit object gapping in the Hebrew Revelation. Let's compare the Greek tradition vs. Oo.1.16:

Oo.1.16: "בְּנִיהֶם"

= "among them"

Greek Textus Receptus:² "καὶ ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἑπτὰ
λυχνιῶν"

= "among the seven candlesticks"

As explained earlier, translators always strive to clarify and explain any difficulties in the text they are translating. Thus the Greek translation replaces the object "them" with the explanation "seven candlesticks" to avoid any ambiguity. The Greek version supplies or inserts the explicit object.

¹ Neither the Greek, Latin nor Aramaic versions of Revelation has the explicit subject "nations" gapped in Rev. 18:3.

² Note that some Greek manuscripts, e.g. the Alexandrian Codex, do not include the word for 'seven,' though they still supply the word for 'lampstands'.

In the above example, Hebrew grammar does not demand this phrase to be gapped, therefore translations from Greek to Hebrew do not change "the seven candlesticks" to "them."¹ There is no way to know from the Greek text whether this phrase was originally gapped or written. So, the fact that it is gapped in this Hebrew manuscript is strong evidence that the Hebrew reading is authentic, as it could not have derived from the Greek, Aramaic or Latin versions. It also shows that the Greek reading is the interpreted second-hand translation, while the Hebrew reading is the original. Below we will discuss a few more examples.

Revelation 2:10:

Oo.1.16: "אל תירא מהם"

= "Do not be afraid of them"

Greek Textus Receptus: "μηδὲν φοβοῦ ἃ μέλλεις
πάσχειν"

= "Do not fear what you are about to suffer"

The Hebrew "them" probably refers to the people who persecuted the believers of Smyrna, but the Greek translation interprets "them" to refer to the sufferings ("what you are about to suffer").

Revelation 4:10a:

¹ Franz Delitzsch: "וּבִתְוֹךְ שְׁבַע הַמְּנֹרוֹת" and
Salkinson / Ginsburg: "וּבִתְוֹךְ הַמְּנֹרוֹת" (Following other Greek
manuscripts and not the Textus Receptus).

Oo.1.16: "לפניו"

= "before him"

Greek Textus Receptus: "ἐνώπιον τοῦ καθημένου ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου"

= "before the one sitting on the throne"

Revelation 4:10b:

Oo.1.16: "לפניו"

= "before him"

Greek Textus Receptus: "ἐνώπιον τοῦ θρόνου"

= "before the throne"

The Hebrew language uses the same word (or suffix) for 'him' and 'it'. The Greek translators interpreted that the first "him" refers to "the one sitting on the throne," and that the second "him" refers to "the throne" – thus they inserted these explanatory phrases into their translation. Although the Greek explanation is not entirely impossible, the most likely meaning in both cases is that the "him" simply refers to YHWH.

Although in these examples the Hebrew readings could mean the exact same thing as the Greek translations, these are important indications that this Hebrew manuscript is authentic. It cannot derive from the Greek, Aramaic, or Latin versions.

Mistranslation in the Greek version

Revelation 18:13 contains a very interesting variant between the Hebrew and Greek versions:

Greek Textus Receptus:

"...καὶ οἶνον, καὶ ἔλαιον, καὶ σεμίδαλιν, καὶ σῖτον, καὶ κτήνη, καὶ πρόβατα· καὶ ἵππων, καὶ ῥεδῶν, καὶ σωμαίων· καὶ ψυχὰς ἀνθρώπων."

= "...and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat, and animals and sheep and horses and chariots, and slaves – even souls of men."

Oo.1.16:

"ויין ושמן ולחם לבן וחיטים ובקרים וכשבים וסוסים
ועגלים ונשמות אדם"

= "And wine and oil and white bread¹ and wheat and cattle and sheep and horses and calves and souls of man."

In the above verse, the Greek version reads "horses and chariots" while the Hebrew reads "horses and calves." So, how did this difference come about? The Greek word "ῥεδῶν" (redon) is not ambiguous and cannot be mistaken for 'calves' which is "μόσχων" (moschon) in Greek. In the Latin and Aramaic versions the meaning "chariots" is equally clear, and

¹ Could also mean "fine flour".

thus they provide no solution as to the source of this variant reading.

But what if the Hebrew reading is the original? Could the Greek be a mistranslation of the Hebrew? Unlike Greek, Hebrew uses similar words for chariots and calves!

"עגלים" (*agalim*) = "calves"

"עגלות" (*agalot*) = "chariots"¹

The only difference in consonantal spelling between the two Hebrew words above is the masculine plural ending "ים" vs. the feminine plural ending "ות". Could the Greek translator have mistranslated 'agalim' as if it were 'agalot'? Note that the preceding word in Revelation 18:13 is "horses." Horses and chariots often go together, and this might have been the cause of confusion.

At closer inspection we find that the Hebrew reading "calves" is actually very suitable – the other objects mentioned around this word in verse 13b are not man-made objects but rather living creatures.

Considering that the only difference between "עגלים" (*agalim*) and "עגלות" (*agalot*) is their gender, and that the preceding word "horses" has a strong connotation with chariots, it is not unlikely that a translator could have rendered "עגלים" as if it were "עגלות".

¹ Reading "עגלות" with different vowels could yield either "chariots" or "heifers" – but "עגלים" means "calves" and cannot mean "chariots."

On the other hand, it is not possible at all that the Greek word "ῥεδῶν" (chariots) could have been translated into Hebrew as "עגלים" (calves) – in the Greek version there is no ambiguity or any scope for possible confusion in translation.

Thus, if the Hebrew is the original, this variant reading is possible in the Greek translation and subsequent versions. But if the Greek, Aramaic or Latin version is the original, this difference should never have existed.

Was YHWH translated as Theos?

Another interesting variant between the Hebrew and Greek versions of Revelation is the frequent¹ use of "YHWH" instead of "Elohim." To be more precise, we are referring to instances where the Greek version uses "θεος" (Theos) while the Hebrew uses the abbreviation "ה'" instead of the expected "אלהים" (Elohim). This Hebrew letter "ה'" (He) with two dots above it is an abbreviation for "השם" (Ha-Shem) which means "The Name."

The fact that this abbreviation 'He' really represents the name YHWH is evident² when the Old Testament is quoted in the Hebrew Revelation, e.g.

Isaiah 6:3:

¹ Apart from the examples given below, see also Rev. 1:2, 1:6, 1:9, 2:17 [2:18], 3:1, 3:2, 4:5, 5:6, 7:3, 7:15, 8:2, 8:4, etc.

² Occasionally this "ה'" also corresponds to "אדני" (Adonai) in the Old Testament, but never to "אלהים" (Elohim).

Hebrew Masoretic Text:

"קָדוֹשׁ אֱלֹהֵינוּ קָדוֹשׁ יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת"

Oo.1.16 (Revelation 4:8) "קדוש קדוש קדוש ה' צבאות"

Psalms 113:1:

Hebrew Masoretic Text:

"הִלְלוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ הִלְלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יְהוָה:"

Oo.1.16 (Revelation 19:5)

"הללויה הללו עבדי ה' הללו את שם ה'"

Isaiah: 60:19:

Hebrew Masoretic Text:

"וְהָיָה־לְךָ יְהוָה לְאֹר עוֹלָם וְאֱלֹהֶיךָ לְתַפְאֲרֶתְךָ:"

Oo.1.16 (Revelation 22:5)

"וְהָיָה לְךָ ה' לְאֹר עוֹלָם וְאֱלֹהֶיךָ וְתַפְאֲרֶתְךָ"

The above examples clearly show that this abbreviation "ה'" actually represents the Name YHWH. It was common practice for many scribes to write Ha-Shem or some abbreviation rather than writing the full name "יהוה" (YHWH).

Below are some examples where the Hebrew Revelation indicates YHWH but the Greek version uses Theos:

Revelation 1:1:

Oo.1.16: "נתן ה'"

= "YHWH gave"

Greek Textus Receptus: "ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός"

= "Theos gave him"

Revelation 5:6:

Oo.1.16: "וְאֵלֵּי הַשְּׁבַע רוּחוֹת הֵ"ן"

= "and they are the seven spirits of YHWH"

Greek Textus Receptus: "οἱ εἰς τὰ ἑπτὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ πνεύματα"

= "which are the seven spirits of Theos"

Further examples are found in chapter 1:2, 1:6, 1:9, 2:17 [2:18], 3:1, 3:2, 4:5, 5:6, 7:3, 7:15, 8:2, 8:4, etc. It should be noted that this Hebrew version of Revelation does also use the Hebrew word Elohim,¹ so one cannot argue that every occurrence of the title Elohim was removed from the Hebrew Revelation and replaced with this "ה" (for YHWH).

So, how did this difference originate? It is very unlikely that any Hebrew translator would have rendered Theos as YHWH.² On the contrary, the Greek Septuagint translation shows

¹ See e.g. chapter 3:12 (x3), 7:12, 7:17, 11:4, 11:13, 12:15 [12:10], 19:17, 21:3, 21:4, 21:7 etc.

² Except in the phrase "Κύριος ὁ Θεός" – which in Hebrew could be either "אֲדֹנֵי יְהוָה" or "יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים".

numerous¹ examples where the Greek translators did render YHWH as Theos:

Genesis 4:4:

Hebrew Masoretic Text: "וַיִּשֶׁעַ יְהוָה"

= "Then YHWH looked"

Greek Septuagint: "καὶ ἐπεῖδεν ὁ θεὸς"

= "Then Theos looked"

Exodus 4:1:

Hebrew Masoretic Text: "לֹא-נִרְאָה אֵלַי יְהוָה"

= "YHWH did not appear to you"

Greek Septuagint: "οὐκ ὤπταί σοι ὁ θεός"

= "Theos did not appear to you"

Because Greek translators often translated YHWH as Theos, but Hebrew translators do not translate Theos as YHWH,² we can conclude that this Hebrew version of Revelation cannot be

¹ Apart from the examples given here, this phenomenon also occurs in: Gen. 4:9, 6:6, 6:7, 12:17, 13:14, 15:7, 16:5, 18:1, 25:21, 30:24, 30:27, 31:49, 38:7, Ex. 4:11, 4:30, 4:31, 5:21, 9:5, 13:21, 19:3, 19:7, 19:8, 19:21, 35:30, 36:2, and many other places throughout the Old Testament.

² Except in the phrase "Κύριος ὁ Θεός" – which in Hebrew could be either "אֲדֹנֵי יְהוָה" or "יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים".

a translation from the Greek version,¹ but the Greek version could have originated from the Hebrew.

About the Transcript

The Hebrew transcript is based on Cambridge University Library manuscript Oo.1.16, folios 102r – 106v.² We have carefully transcribed it using color photographs of the actual manuscript. The current transcript has been thoroughly checked and revised.

The folio number of the corresponding page in the manuscript is stated where applicable throughout the transcript, e.g. [\(102r\)](#).

The following standardizations and corrections were made in the Hebrew transcript:

- All chapter headings were standardized.
- The abbreviation "ה" was replaced with the full name "יהוה".³

¹ Neither could it be a translation from the Aramaic Peshitta or Latin Vulgate, as these versions agree with the Greek use of *Theos*.

² Photos of the applicable folios can be seen on pp. 117 – 126.

³ See pp. 47-51 for more information.

- The Rabbinic spelling "ישו"¹ was replaced with the proper spelling "ישוע".²
- The spellings "יאהנניס" and "אפרטס" were replaced with their proper spellings "יוחנן" and "פרת".
- All other names were transcribed as written in the Hebrew manuscript, except for the omission of occasional vowel points (see below).
- Vowel points are occasionally found on some words in the manuscript, but these were not copied into the transcript.

¹ The spelling "ישו" (Yeshu) was commonly used by many Jews in the middle ages instead of the fully spelled out "ישוע" (Yeshua) – similar to "הי" or "השם" instead of "יהודה". The spelling "ישו" has a negative connotation and was generally used by non-messianic Jews. However, one **cannot** conclude that all Jews who used this spelling were non-Messianic Jews. E.g. next to Hebrews 7:3 (CUL Oo.1.32), a reader commented "מלכי צדק בלא אב ואם לא נברא ולא מת עדין הוא ישו" (Malki Tsedek – without father or mother, he was not created and does not die – he is still Yeshu!) Also, there is no indication that any anti-messianic alterations were made in this Hebrew Revelation. The fact that Yeshua is the Messiah was not at all undermined by the scribe. (See Rev. 1:1, 1:2, 1:5, 1:9, etc.)

² Note that the spelling "ישוע" has been used **since the time of Ezra** – long before the birth of Yeshua the Messiah! (See e.g. Ezra 2:2, 2:6, 2:36 etc. and especially Nehemiah 8:17 where **Joshua the son of Nun** is even called "ישוע" (Yeshua), using the shorter spelling.) Thus the pronunciation 'Yeshua' **was not invented** by anti-messianic Jews as many have claimed.

- Certain word(s) or letters were placed in [square brackets] to show that they have been corrected based on the context.
- Empty square brackets [] were used where a word or phrase in the manuscript has been crossed out or marked as a mistake by the scribe / proof-reader.

The grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of this Hebrew Revelation are not exactly the same as either Classical, Mishnaic, or Medieval Hebrew. Although similar to Mishnaic Hebrew, it also overlaps with Classical Hebrew.

In order for Hebrew readers to become familiarized with the grammar and syntax used in this Hebrew Revelation, we recommend reading the transcript alongside the English translation.

The correct meaning of most of the Hebrew vocabulary used in the Hebrew Revelation of Oo.1.16 can be found amongst the following lexicons:

- Earnest Klein, *A Comprehensive Etymological Dictionary of the Hebrew Language for Readers of English*.¹
- Marcus Jastro, *A Dictionary of the Targumim, the Talmud Babli and Yerushalmi, and the Midrashic*

¹ Jerusalem: Carta – The Israel Map and Publishing Company Ltd., 1987.

Literature, volume 1 + 2 (A Hebrew + Aramaic to English dictionary).¹

- David J. A. Clines, *The Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew*.²
- William L. Holladay, *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*.³

Ben Yehuda's dictionary series⁴ would also be useful for those who are very experienced in Hebrew – as explanations are given in Hebrew while only very basic meanings are given in English.

About the Translation

The manuscript used for this translation of Revelation is from the Cambridge University Library, ms. Oo.1.16, folios 102r – 106v. We have accurately and literally translated it, using digital color photographs of the actual manuscript. Photos of the applicable folios have been reproduced on pages 117 –

¹ London: Luzac & Co., 1903.

² Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix press, 2009.

³ Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1971 (15th impression, 2000).

⁴ Eliezer Ben Yehudah, *Complete Dictionary of Ancient and Modern Hebrew* (17 volumes), Jerusalem: Ben-Yehudah Hozaa-La'Or Le zecher – Eliezer Ben-Yehuda Ltd., 1940 (Reprinted by T. Yoseloff in 8 volumes, 1960).

126. The translation is focused on accuracy rather than flowing English, as it is very easy to create contradictions with a paraphrase-type translation. In the current translation:

- Certain word(s) or phrases were placed in [square brackets] to show that (i) they have been corrected based on the context, or (ii) the applicable word(s) are still in question (e.g. smudged words, rare Hebrew words, etc.).
- The spellings of all names and titles were standardized.
- Only Names and Titles were capitalized. Pronouns like 'you' or 'he' etc. are not capitalized (even when referring to YHWH or Yeshua) as this is sometimes based merely on the translator's interpretation. The reader should rather use the context to determine whom the pronoun is referring to.
- *Italic words* were added to help the English reader understand what the Hebrew text implies by context.
- Certain words were marked in **bold + underlined** according to emphasis in the Hebrew manuscript – based on special word order etc. – and are not our own emphasis or interpretation.
- Chapter and verse numbering in the manuscript is generally the same as in standard English translations. When chapter and / or verse numbers differ, the standard English equivalent is added in [square brackets].

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אלה הסודות פרק א'

¹ [\(102r\)](#) אלה הסודות נתן יהוה² לישוע המשיח להראות לעבדיו מה שיהיה בקרוב והוא שלח אותם ע"י^{3,4}

¹ The number stated in brackets is the corresponding folio number of Oo.1.16 on which the Hebrew transcript is based.

² The Hebrew manuscript uses an abbreviation "ה" for "השם". It was common practice for many scribes to write 'Ha-Shem' or some abbreviation rather than writing the full name "יהוה". The fact that this abbreviation for 'Ha-Shem' really represents the name "יהוה" is evident when the Hebrew Revelation quotes from the Old Testament, e.g.

Isaiah 6:3:

Hebrew Masoretic Text: "קָדוֹשׁ | קָדוֹשׁ יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת"

Oo.1.16 (Revelation 4:8) "קדוש קדוש יהוה צבאות"

Psalms 113:1:

Hebrew Masoretic Text: "הַלְלוּ יְהוָה הַלְלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יְהוָה"

Oo.1.16 (Revelation 19:5) "הללויה הללו עבדי ה' הללו את שם ה'"

Isaiah: 60:19:

Hebrew Masoretic Text: "וְהָיָה לְךָ יְהוָה לְאוֹר עוֹלָם"

Oo.1.16 (Revelation 22:5) "והיה לך ה' לאור עולם"

From the above examples it is very clear that this abbreviation "ה" used in the Hebrew Revelation actually represents the Name "יהוה".

³ Abbreviation for "על יד".

⁴ Take note that Hebrew and English word orders are different, thus some page transitions do not correspond exactly in the Hebrew transcript, compared to the English translation.

Ele Ha-Sodot¹

1: 1 (102r) These are the confidential counsels² *which* YHWH³ gave to Yeshua⁴ Ha-Mashiach,⁵ to show his servants what will happen soon.⁶ And he sent them by the hand⁷ of his

¹ Or simply ‘Sodot’ – the Hebrew title for the Book of ‘Revelation.’ See also next footnote.

² Hebrew: “סודות” (*sodot*), plural of סוד (*sod*). Could also mean “secrets” or “mysteries.” This Hebrew word is used both positively and negatively – compare e.g. Ps. 25:14, Pr. 3:32, Am. 3:7 vs. Ps. 64:2(3), 83:3(4).

³ The manuscript uses Hebrew abbreviation “יה” for ‘Ha-Shem,’ which literally means “The Name.” Today still, many Jews will read “Ha-Shem” when they see the Hebrew יהוה. We have replaced ‘Ha-Shem’ with transliterated consonants of ‘the Name’ itself: “YHWH.” As for pronunciation, the only grammatically possible pronunciation, from which all other abbreviations / contractions can be formed, is “Yah-weh” – with emphasis on the second syllable. For more information see www.HebrewGospels.com/yhwh.

⁴ Hebrew name for ‘Jesus.’

⁵ Or “The Messiah.” The Hebrew word ‘Mashiach’ was translated into the Greek ‘*Kristos*’ but should be clearly distinguished from the Catholic symbolic ‘Christ.’ Literal meaning: “anointed one,” usually referring to someone anointed as king of Israel, or as priest or prophet. However when used as a name, it refers to the Son of YHWH, whom he anointed as the ultimate King of Israel, the Everlasting High Priest, and the Prophet who would speak YHWH’s words to his people – and if anyone disobeys him, YHWH himself will cut off that person from among his people. See Deu. 18:18-19.

⁶ Lit. “at near” – the Biblical meaning of ‘soon’ or ‘near’ is not always what we expect. See e.g. Is. 13:22, stating that Babylon’s destruction is near, yet Babylon was only destroyed generations later, and the ultimate fulfillment is still future! (Rev. 17-19).

⁷ A Hebrew idiom meaning “by” or “through” or “by means of.”

מלאך שלו לעבדו יוחנן ² העד הדיבור ¹ יהוה והעדות
מישוע המשיח ממה שראה ³ קדוש הוא הקורא והשומעים
זאת הנביאות ומקיימים מה שכתוב ⁴ יוחנן [ל]השבעה
זקינים באסיא חסד ושלום יהיה עמכם מזה שהיה והוה
ויהיה ומהשבעה רוחות שהמה מכסאו ⁵ ומישוע המשיח
העד נאמן וראשון שקם מהמתים ונגיד ומצוה על הארץ
האהבתנו ורחצתנו מעוונותינו עם דמו ⁶ ועשה אותנו
למלכים ולכהנים

¹ Note that this word has the definite article and is still in construct state based on context. This phenomenon is very common in the Hebrew Revelation and also occurs in the Tanach – see e.g. Ex. 39:27, Judg. 16:14, 1 Kin. 14:24, 2 Kin. 16:14, Jer. 25:26, 1 Chr. 9:26, etc.

messenger¹ to his servant Yochanan² – ² the witness of the word of YHWH, and the testimony of Yeshua Ha-Mashiach, of that which he saw.³ ³ Blessed is he who reads, and those who hear this prophecy and establish that which is written.

⁴ Yochanan, [to] the seven elders in Asia: steadfast love and shalom be with you, from him⁴ who was and is and will be, and from the seven Ruchot⁵ who are at⁶ his throne. ⁵ And from Yeshua Ha-Mashiach the faithful witness, and *the* first who stood up from the dead ones, and *the* ruler and commander⁷ over the earth – who is our love, and our washing from our iniquities with his blood, ⁶ and made us kings and priests

¹ Hebrew: '*mal'ach*.' Used for both human and heavenly messengers. The English word 'angel' is not a translation – only a transliteration of the Greek '*aggelos*.' Besides, the average person reading 'angel' would probably envisage some female figure with wings. Heavenly '*mal'achim*' or messengers are distinct from the cherubim; they do not have wings and appear as men. ('Angels' and 'men' are used interchangeably – see e.g. Gen. 18. Compare Mat. 28:2-5 and John 20:12 vs. Mark 16:5 and Luke 24:4, also see Heb. 13:2.) Ironically, the 'angels' depicted in many Christian books look more like the evil spirits described in Zec. 5:9.

² Hebrew name for 'John.'

³ Yochanan repeatedly reminds us that he was an eyewitness of the things described in Revelation. See e.g. chapters 1:12, 1:19, 4:1, 4:2, 5:1, 6:1, etc.

⁴ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁵ Plural of רוח (*ruach*) – the Hebrew word for "spirit," "breath" or "wind."

⁶ Or possibly 'from.'

⁷ See Is. 55:4.

לפני יהוה ואביו לו תהיה כבוד ותפארת מעולם ועד עולם
אמן,⁷ ראה הוא יבא בענן ותראו¹ אותו אלה הדקרים אותו
ויבכו כל המשפחות הארץ כן אמן.⁸ אני הוא הראשון
והאחרון תחילת והסוף אמר האדון אדיר ההיה והוה
ויהיה,⁹ אני יוחנן הייתי באי הנקרא פטמס בשביל הדיבור
יהוה והעדות מישוע המשיח¹⁰ ושורה עלי רוח הקודש
ושמעתי מאחרי קול גדול¹¹ ואמרה אני הראשון והאחרון
וכל מה שראית כתוב בספר ושלה אותו להזקינים²
באסיא ולעפהיזום וגם לסמירנין ולפירגימום וגם
לטיאטירס ולזארדים וגם לפילדלפיאן ולאדיצאן¹²
והפכתי לראות את הקול הדוברת עימי וכשהפכתי
ראיתי שבע מגורות של זהב¹³ ובניהם אחד כדמות אדם
ולבוש בכתונות לבן וחגור על החזה

¹ The “ת” preformative is used several times instead of “י” with third person masculine imperfect verbs and the “ת” does not affect the person of the verb, it only seems to place extra emphasis on the subject. Compare chapter 2:20 [2:22], 3:4, 3:5, 3:9, 7:15, 11:9, 18:5, 18:9, 22:11.

² Alternative spelling for “לזקינים”. In the Hebrew Revelation the ‘ה’ of the definite article is often retained with the inseparable preposition ‘ל’. This phenomenon also occurs in the Hebrew Tanach, mostly in the post-exilic books – see e.g. 1 Sam. 13:21, Ezek. 47:22, Neh. 12:38, 2 Chr. 10:7, 2 Chr. 25:10, 2 Chr. 29:27.

before YHWH even his Father – to him be honor and glory, from everlasting and unto everlasting, amein.¹

7 Look! He will come with clouds, and those who pierced him, they will see him, and all the families of the earth will weep,² yes amein! 8 “I am the first and the last,³ *the* beginning and the end,” says the mighty⁴ Adon,⁵ who was and is and will be.

9 I Yochanan was on the island called Patmos, because of the word of YHWH and the testimony of Yeshua Ha-Mashiach. 10 As Ruach Ha-Qodesh⁶ rested⁷ on me, I heard behind me a great voice. 11 And it⁸ said, “I am the first and the last, and whatever⁹ you see, write in a scroll, and send it to the elders in Asia, both to Ephesus and also to Smyrna, and to Pergamos and also to Thyatira, and to Sardis and also to Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

12 So I turned about to see the voice which spoke with me, and when I had turned about, I saw seven menorot¹⁰ of gold. 13 And among them, one like the appearance of man, and he was clothed in white garments, and girded over the chest¹¹ with a

¹ ‘Amein’ as an adverb means “surely” or “truly.”

² Compare Zec. 12:10-14.

³ Compare Is. 44:6, 41:4. Yeshua is claiming to be YHWH.

⁴ Or “majestic.”

⁵ The Hebrew word for ‘lord’ or ‘master.’

⁶ Lit. “the Set-Apart Spirit.”

⁷ Or “abode” or “was dwelling.”

⁸ Lit. “she said” – referring back to the feminine noun “voice.”

⁹ Or “everything that.”

¹⁰ Plural of מְנוֹרָה (menorah) – the Hebrew word for “lampstand.”

¹¹ The priestly ephod is worn over the shoulders and girded across the chest. See Ex. 28 for a detailed description of the ephod.

בחגר של זהב ¹⁴ אבל ראשו ושערו היה לבן כצמר לבן
ועיניו כלהבת אש ¹⁵ ורגליו כנחושת וקולו כרעש מים
גדולים ¹⁶ ושבעה כוכבים ביד ימינו ומפיו הלך חרב
פיפיות ומראהו זרח כשמש ¹⁷ וכשראיתי אותו נפלתי
לרגליו כמת והוא מניח את יד ימינו עלי ואמר לי אל
תירא אני הראשון והאחרון ¹⁸ וראה אני הייתי מת ועכשיו
חי אני מעולם ועד עולם ולי יש המפתחות של המות
והגיהנם¹ ¹⁹ כתוב מה שראית ומה שיהיה אחר כך ²⁰ והסוד
מהשבעה כוכבים שראית ביד ימיני ושבע מנורות של
זהב כך היא השבעה כוכבים אלה

¹ Alternative spelling for "גיא הנם". The full title found in the Tanach is "גיא בן הנם".

girdle of gold. ¹⁴ But his head, even his hair was white like white wool, and his eyes like a flame of fire. ¹⁵ And his feet were like copper, and his voice like the noise of great waters. ¹⁶ And seven stars were in his right hand, and out of his mouth went a double-edged sword, and his appearance¹ shone like the sun.

¹⁷ And when I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead *one*. But he laid his right hand on me, and said to me, "Do not fear, I am the first and the last. ¹⁸ And look!² – I was dead, but now I am alive, from everlasting and unto everlasting.³ And I have the keys of the death and Ha-Gei-Hinnom.⁴ ¹⁹ Write what you saw, and what will be after this. ²⁰ Now the confidential counsel⁵ of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and *the* seven menorot⁶ of gold: so it is – the seven stars, they

¹ Or possibly 'face.'

² Or "behold."

³ A Hebrew idiom which often means "forever and ever" – see e.g. Jer. 7:7, 25:5, 1Chr. 16:36, Neh. 9:5, Ps. 41:13, 103:17, 106:48.

⁴ Lit. "The valley of Hinnom." This Hebrew word is transliterated into Greek as '*Gehenna*,' and is inaccurately translated as 'Hell.' This is a literal valley right next to Jerusalem ordained for future punishment. See Matthew 25:41-46 in the www.HebrewGospels.com version: "And then he will say to those who are on the left side... go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, which is prepared for Ha-Satan and his messengers... And these will go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, but the righteous ones will go into everlasting light." To learn more about the Biblical definition of '*Gei-Hinnom*,' see Jer. 7:30-33, Is. 30:33, 66:24, etc.

⁵ Hebrew: "סוד" (*sod*). Could also mean "secret" or "mystery." This Hebrew word is used both positively and negatively – compare e.g. Ps. 25:14, Pr. 3:32, Am. 3:7 vs. Ps. 64:2(3), 83:3(4).

⁶ Plural of מנורה (*menorah*) – the Hebrew word for "lampstand."

המה שבעה מלאכים והשבעה מנורות שבעה זקנים

פרק ב'

¹ ולהמלאך מהעדה של עפהיזום כתוב כה אמר זה שיש ביד ימינו השבעה כוכבים ההולך בתוך השבעה מנורות של זהב ² אני יודע את מעשיך ותקותיך¹ ואת לא תוכל לסבול את הרשעים ותנסה לאילו שאומרים שהמה נביאים ואינם ותמצא שהמה כזבנים ³ ותקותיך וטרחתיך יש הכל בשביל שמי ⁴ אבל תמיה לי מפני מה תעזוב אתה האהבה ראשונה ⁵ זכור מי אתה ועשי² תשובה ועשי מעשיך ראשונים ובאם לאו³ במהרה ידחף מנורתך ממקומו באם שלא תעשה תשובה ⁶ מי שיש לו אזנים שומע⁴ מה

¹ Note that the “י” in “ותקותיך” is merely a vowel letter and does not indicate the plural form. The pronunciation indicated by this vowel letter (וְתִקְוֶתְךָ) follows the pattern of pausal forms found in the Masoretic Text. E.g. “אִשְׁתְּךָ” has the same meaning as “אִשְׁתְּךָ”, but the latter form is in pause. Such pausal pronunciations are often used throughout the Hebrew Revelation.

² Masculine singular imperative. Equivalent to “וְעֲשֵׂה”.

³ Same meaning as “לא”.

⁴ Note that a participle is sometimes used with the same / similar meaning as an imperative. See e.g. chapter 2:13 [14], 2:14 [15], 6:16.

are seven messengers, and the seven menorot are seven elders."¹

2: ¹ "And to the messenger of the assembly of Ephesus write: Thus says he² who has the seven stars in his right hand, who walks amidst³ the seven menorot of gold, ² 'I know your works and your hope,⁴ and that you are not able to bear the wicked ones, and *that* you tested those who say that they are prophets while they are not, and found that they are deceivers.⁵ ³ And your hope⁶ and trouble,⁷ all of which⁸ is because of my Name. ⁴ However, I am amazed⁹ because of what you yourself forsook – the first love.¹⁰ ⁵ Remember who you were,¹¹ and do repentance, and do your first¹² works. And if not, your Menorah¹³ will be thrust away hastily from its place – if you do not do repentance. ⁶ [7]¹⁴ Whosoever has ears must hear what

¹ Probably means 'elders representing their assemblies.'

² Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

³ Or "among."

⁴ Or "expectation" or by extension, possibly 'patience.'

⁵ Or "liars."

⁶ Or "expectation" or by extension, possibly 'patience.'

⁷ Lit. "burden bearing."

⁸ Or possibly 'which *you* all have because of my Name.'

⁹ Lit. "I have amazement."

¹⁰ Or "that you yourself forsook the first love."

¹¹ Or "are."

¹² Or "former."

¹³ Hebrew word for "lampstand."

¹⁴ Verse numbers marked in manuscript mostly correspond to standard numbering in English translations. When the verse number in this manuscript differs from the standard numbering, the standard verse number is placed in brackets. E.g. verse 6 in this manuscript

שהרוח אומר להעדה מי שמנצח יאכל מעץ החיים שיש
בגן עדן ^[8] 7 ולהמלאך מהעדה של זמירנין כתוב כה אמר
הראשון והאחרון המת וקם ^[9] 8 אני יודע מעשיך וצערותיך
והחירוף מאלו האומרים שהם יהודים ואינם רק המה
מבני השטן ^[10] 9 אל תירא מהם ראה השטן יקח איזה
[מכם] בשביה כדי לנסות אתכם והצער יהיה לכם עשרה
ימים תהי נאמן עד יום מותך כדי שאתן לך הכתר
מהחיים ^[11] 10 מי שיש לו אזנים שומע מה שהרוח אומר
להעדה מי שמנצח אל תהיה לו צער ממות אחרת ^[12] 11
ולהמלאך מהעדה של פירגימום כתוב כה אמר זה שיש לו
חרב פיפיות ^[13] 12 אני יודע את מעשיך ומקום שלך יש
במקום שיש כסא השטן ואתה תאמין בשמי

the Ruach¹ says to the assembly. Whosoever overcomes, will eat from the tree of life,² which is in the Garden of Eden.”

7 [8] “And to the messenger of the assembly of Smyrna write: Thus says the first and the last, who died and stood up, 8 [9] ‘I know your works and your sufferings,³ and the reproach of those who say that they are Yehudim while they are not, but are of the sons⁴ of Ha-Satan.⁵ 9 [10] Do not be afraid of them, look,⁶ Ha-Satan will take some of [you] in captivity in order to test you, and you will have suffering *for* ten days. Be faithful unto the day of your death, that I may give you the crown of life. 10 [11] Whosoever has ears must hear what the Ruach⁷ says to the assembly. Whosoever overcomes will not have suffering from the last⁸ death.”

11 [12] “And to the messenger of the assembly of Pergamos write: Thus says he⁹ who has a double-edged sword, 12 [13] ‘I know your works, and *that* your place is at the place where the throne of Ha-Satan is. And *that* you believe in my name and in

corresponds to verse [7] in standard Bibles. The verse numbered [6] in standard Bibles is absent in this ms.

¹ The Hebrew word for “spirit,” “breath” or “wind.”

² See pages 21 - 26 for a discussion on the tree of life.

³ Or “pains.”

⁴ Or “children” – Hebrew masculine includes feminine.

⁵ Lit. “The Adversary.” Because this word is often used as a name we have transliterated it instead of translating it, as with all other names.

⁶ Or “behold.”

⁷ The Hebrew word for “spirit,” “breath” or “wind.”

⁸ Or “latter” or possibly ‘second.’

⁹ Lit. “this *one*,” but means ‘he’ or ‘him.’

ובאמונתי ובעיתי נהרג את חבירי הנאמן אנטיפס
 אצליכם במקום שהשטן דר¹³ ^[14] וגם אתה שונא מאילו
 שלומדים הלימוד של בלעם הלמד ע"י¹ בלק לעשות רע
 לבני ישראל לחטוא אתם בזנות¹⁴ ^[15] וגם אתה שונא
 מלימוד ניקאלטציאן ואף אני שונא מאילו¹⁵ ^[16] עשי
 תשובה ואם לאו² אבא אני במהרה לעשות עמך מלחמה
 ע"י³ החרב שיש בפי¹⁶ ^[17] מי שיש לו אזנים שומע מה
 שהרוח אומר להעדה מי שמנצח רוצה אני ליתן⁴ לו לאכל
 מהמן הנסתר וגם עדות טובה ובזה העדות שם חדש כתוב
 שלא יוכל שום אחד לקרוא רק זה שקיבל אותו¹⁷ ^[18]
 ולהמלאך מהעדה של טיאטירא כתוב כה אמר בן יהוה
 שענינו כמה כמו להבת אש ורגליו כנחושת¹⁸ ^[19] אני יודע
 את מעשיך ואהבתיך ושארותיך⁵ ואמונתיך ותקותיך

¹ Abbreviation for "על יד".

² Same meaning as "לא".

³ Abbreviation for "על יד".

⁴ This is an alternative from of the infinitive construct with "ל" preposition (root: "נתן"). Normally spelled "לתת" in the Tanach.

⁵ Alternative spelling for "שירותך". The lexical form is normally spelled "שרות" or "שירות".

my faith,¹ also in the times when my faithful joined-one Antipas was killed near you, at the place where Ha-Satan dwells. 13 [14] But you must also hate those who teach the teaching of Bil'am,² who taught by Balaq³ to do evil⁴ to the children of Yisrael,⁵ by making them to sin by fornication. 14 [15] And you must also hate the teaching of *the* Nicolaitans, for I also hate these. 15 [16] Do repentance! – And if not, I myself will come with haste to make war with you by the sword which is in my mouth. 16 [17] Whosoever has ears must hear what the Ruach says to the assembly. Whosoever overcomes, I will be pleased⁶ to give him to eat of the hidden Manna, and also *to give him*⁷ a good testimony⁸ – and on this testimony, a new name will be written, which no one is able to read, except he⁹ who received it.”

17 [18] “And to the messenger of the assembly of Thyatira write: Thus says the Son of YHWH, whose eyes are just like a flame of fire, and his feet like copper, 18 [19] ‘I know your works and your love and your service and your faith¹⁰ and your hope, and

¹ Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

² Hebrew name for ‘Balaam.’

³ Hebrew name for ‘Balak.’

⁴ Or “harm.”

⁵ Hebrew name for ‘Israel.’

⁶ Or “I want to.”

⁷ Understood from preceding part of the verse. (Called gapping, commonly found in the Hebrew Tanach).

⁸ In context ‘a written testimony.’

⁹ Lit. “this *one*,” but means ‘he’ or ‘him.’

¹⁰ Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

ובכל עת תעשה יותר ^[20] 19 אבל דבר קטון יש לי עליך
 שתעזוב האשה יזאבל¹ האומרת שהיא נביאה ולומדים
 ומסיתים את עבדי לעשות זנות ^[22] 20 ראה אני מביא עליה
 ועל זה ששכב עמה הרבה צער באם שלא תעשו² תשובה
 על מעשיהם ²¹ ואני נתתי לה עת לעשות תשובה ^[23] 22 ואת
 בניה יומתו וכל העדה תכירו שאני הוא הבוחן כליות ולב
 וכל אחד כפי מדותיו ישולם לו ^[24] 23 אבל לכם ולאחרים
 ההמה בטיאטירא אומר אני שלא אביא עליכם עוד צער
 כיון שלא תלמדו מלימוד השטן ^[25] 24 אבל תחזקו בזה שיש
 לכם עד שאבא ^[26] 25 ומי שמנצח אתנה גוים נחלתו ^[27] 26
 והוא ינהג אותם בשבט ברזל וככלי יוצר תנפצם ²⁷ וכמו
 שקבלתי מאבי ^[28] כך אתן לו השחר ^[29] 28 מי שיש לו אזנים
 שומע מה שהרוח אומר להעדה

¹ Alternative spelling for "איזבל" – compare e.g. "ישי" (1 Sam. 16:1, etc.) and "אישי" (1 Chr. 2:13).

² The "ת" preformative is used several times instead of "י" with third person masculine imperfect verbs and the "ת" does not affect the person of the verb, it only seems to place extra emphasis on the subject. Compare chapter 1:7, 3:4, 3:5, 3:9, 7:15, 11:9, 18:5, 18:9, 22:11.

that you always work even more.¹ 19 [20] But I have a small² thing against you – that you allow the woman Izevel,³ who says that she is a prophetess; and those who teach⁴ and seduce my servants to commit fornication. 20 [22] Look, I am about to bring over her – and over him⁵ who lies with her – great suffering, unless **they** do repentance concerning their works. 21 (And I did give her time to do repentance.) 22 [23] And her sons will be put to death, and all the assembly will recognize that I am he who tests kidneys and heart. And every one – according to his measures it will be rewarded⁶ to him. 23 [24] But to you, even to the others who are in Thyatira, I am saying that I will not bring more suffering⁷ upon you, since you did not learn of the teaching of Ha-Satan; 24 [25] but you must hold on to this⁸ which you have until I come. 25 [26] And whosoever overcomes, I will give nations as his inheritance, 26 [27] and he will lead them with a rod of iron, and you will shatter them like a potter's vessel.⁹ 27 And like I received from my Father, [28] so I will give him the light.¹⁰ 28 [29] Whosoever has ears must hear what the Ruach says to the assembly.”

¹ Or “that you work more all the time.”

² Sarcastic.

³ Hebrew name for ‘Jezebel.’

⁴ Or “...that they teach and seduce my servants to...”

⁵ Lit. “this *one*,” but means ‘he’ or ‘him.’

⁶ Or “repaid.”

⁷ Or “distress” or “trouble.”

⁸ Or “that.”

⁹ Similar to Ps. 2:8-9.

¹⁰ Lit. “dawn” or “daybreak” – used as a synonym of “light,” and in this context probably means “glory.” Compare Joh. 17:22 in the www.HebrewGospels.com version.

פרק ג'

¹ [\(102v\)](#) ולהמלאך מהעדה של זארדין כתוב כה אמר זה שיש לו הרוחות יהוה והשבעה כוכבים אני יודע את מעשיך כי שם יש לך שאתה חי ואתה מת ² לכן אל תישן ותחזק לזה שרוצה למות כי לא מצאתי את מעשיך שלימה לפני יהוה ³ ועכשיו זכור היאך שקבלת ושמעת ומקיים אותם ועשי תשובה ואם לא אבא אני עליך כגנב ואתה אינה¹ יודע באיזה זמן שאבא ⁴ וגם שמך נשמע בזארדין שלא טנפו את בגדיהם והמה תלכו² עימי בבגדים לבנים כי המה ראויים לזה ⁵ ומי שמנצח תלך³ בבגדים לבנים ואני לא אמחה את שמו מספר החיים ואני מודיע את שמו לפני אבי ולפני מלאכיו ⁶ מי שיש לו אזנים שומע מה שהרוח אומר להעדה ⁷ ולהמלאך מהעדה של פילאדעלפיא כתוב כה אמר הקדוש והנאמן זה שיש לו המפתח של דוד הפותח ושום אחד יוכל לסגור המסגור⁴ ושום אחד יוכל לפתוח ⁸ אני יודע את מעשיך ראה נתתי לפניך פתח פתוח ושום אחד יוכל לסגור אותה

¹ In the Hebrew Revelation, “אינה” is generally used instead of “אין”. The “ה” at the end is not a third feminine singular pronominal suffix.

² There is a “י” written above the “ת” as a seeming correction. However, see note on chapter 1:7.

³ For the use of “ת” instead of “י”, see note on chapter 1:7.

⁴ Alternative form of masculine singular participle.

3: ¹ (102v) "And to the messenger of the assembly of Sardis write: Thus says he¹ who has the Ruach² of YHWH, and the seven stars, 'I know your works – that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. ² Therefore, do not sleep but strengthen that which wants to die – for I have not found your works complete before YHWH. ³ And now, remember how you have received and heard; and establish them, and do repentance. And if not, I will come upon³ you like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come. ⁴ And also your name is heard in Sardis – *of those* who did not soil⁴ their garments, and they, they will walk with me in white garments, for they are worthy of this. ⁵ And whosoever overcomes, he will walk in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the scroll of life, and I will confess⁵ his name before my Father and before his messengers. ⁶ Whosoever has ears must hear what the Ruach says to the assembly.'"

⁷ "And to the messenger of the assembly of Philadelphia write: Thus says the Qadosh⁶ and the Faithful, he⁷ who has the key of Dawid,⁸ who opens and no one is able to shut, and who shuts and no one is able to open – ⁸ 'I know your works. Look, I gave before you an open door and no one is able to shut it –

¹ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

² Plural of רוח (*ruach*) – the Hebrew word for "spirit," "breath" or "wind."

³ Or "against."

⁴ Or "defile."

⁵ Or "acknowledge."

⁶ Lit. "Set-Apart."

⁷ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁸ Hebrew name for 'David.'

כי מעט כח יש לך ושמרת את דברי ואינה¹ כופר בשמי⁹
 ראה אני אתן לאילו שהמה מחברותת השטן האומרים
 שהמה יהודים ואינם רק כוזבים ראה שאני רוצה לעשות
 שהמה תבואו² לתפלל³ לרגליך ולהכיר שאהבתי אותך¹⁰
 כיון ששמרת הדיבור מתקוטי כך אני אשמור אותך
 מהעת של הנסיון הבא על הארץ לנסות לאילו הדורים על
 הארץ¹¹ ראה אני אבא במהרה שמור מה שיש לך כדי
 שלא יקח שום אחד את כתריך¹² מי שמנצח אכתוב עליו
 השם מאלהי והשם מירושלים החדש העיר אלהי שיבא
 מהשמים להארץ מאלהי וגם שמי החדש¹³ מי שיש לו
 אזנים שומע מה שהרוח אומר להעדה¹⁴ ולהמלאך מהעדה
 לאדיצא כתוב כה אמר אמן העד נאמן התחלה
 מהבריאות¹⁵ אני יודע את מעשיך שאתה לא קר ולא חם
 אולי שתהיה קר או חם¹⁶ אבל כיון שאתה לא קר ולא חם
 בשביל זה ירק אני אותך מפי¹⁷ ואתה תאמר אני עושר
 ויש לי די

¹ In the Hebrew Revelation, "אינה" is generally used instead of "אין". The "ה" at the end is not a third feminine singular pronominal suffix.

² For the use of "ת" instead of "י", see note on chapter 1:7.

³ Alternative spelling for "להתפלל". The preformative 'ה' is occasionally dropped in the infinitive construct even in the Tanach – see e.g. Pro. 24:17 ("ובכשלו" for "ובכשלו"), Lam. 2:11 ("בעטף" for "בהעטף"). See also Ex. 10:3, Ex. 34:24, Deu. 31:11, Is. 1:12, Job 33:30, etc.

for you have little strength, but you have kept my word, and have not denied my name. ⁹ Look, I will give that those who are of the company of Ha-Satan, who say that they are Yehudim while they are not – only deceivers – look, I am pleased to make that they will come to do supplication¹ at your feet, and to acknowledge that I have loved you.¹⁰ Because you have kept the word of my hope, so I will keep you from the time of testing, which will come on the earth to test those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ Look, I will come with haste² – keep what you have, that no one takes your crown. ¹² Whosoever overcomes, I will write upon him the name of my Elohim,³ and the name of the new Yerushalayim,⁴ the city of my Elohim which will come from the heavens to the earth from my Elohim – and also my new name. ¹³ Whosoever has ears must hear what the Ruach says to the assembly.”

¹⁴ “And to the messenger of the assembly of Laodicea write: Thus says Amein,⁵ the faithful witness, the beginning of the creation,⁶ ¹⁵ ‘I know your works, that you are not cold nor warm – if only you could be cold or warm! ¹⁶ But because you are not cold nor warm, because of this I will spit you from my mouth. ¹⁷ Yet you say, ‘I am rich and have sufficient and there

¹ Or “pray” – see Is. 45:14, 49:23, 60:14.

² Or “quickly.”

³ Usually translated as ‘God.’ In Hebrew however, the word ‘luck’ or ‘fortune’ is pronounced as “*gad*” and sometimes as “*god*” (medieval) – see e.g. Gen. 30:10-11, Josh. 11:17, Is. 65:11. Therefore we prefer to not use ‘God.’

⁴ Hebrew name for ‘Jerusalem.’

⁵ “Amein” as a title means “Sure,” “Faithful” or “Truth.”

⁶ Could also be read as “creations” (plural).

ואינה צורך לשום דבר אבל אינה יודע שאתה עני ואביון¹⁸ ואני נותן עצתי לך שתקנה זהב ממני ותלבוש מלבושים לבנים ומשחת את עיניך בשמן כדי שתוכל לראות¹⁹ ואני מוסר לאילוי שאהבתי ועכשיו עשה תשובה²⁰ ראה אני עומד לפני הפתח ודפק בה ובאם שאחד ישמע את קולי ויפתח הפתח לזה אלך²¹ מי שמנצח לזה אתן לישיב עימי על כסאי כמו שנצחתי וישבתי עם אבי על כסאו²² מי שיש לו אזנים שומע מה שהרוח אומר

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¹ ואחר כך ראיתי []¹ שנפתח פתח אחד בשמים והקול הראשון ששמעתי המדברת עימי כקול שופר אמר לי בא לבאן ואני רוצה להראות לך מה שיהיה אחר כך² ותיכף ומיד שורה עלי רוח הקודש וראיתי כסא אחד יושב בשמים ועל הכסא יושב אחד³ והישיב עליו היה מראהו כמראה אבן ספיר וישפה וסביב להכסא היה אחד קשת כמו נפך⁴ וסביב להכסה היה ארבע ועשרים כסאים ועליהם יושבים ארבע ועשרים זקינים

¹ Crossed-out letter.

is no need for anything,' but *you* do not know that you are poor and needy. ¹⁸ Now, let me give you my counsel: that you buy gold from me, and clothe yourself with white garments, and anoint your eyes with oil, that you may be able to see. ¹⁹ I discipline¹ those whom I love, so therefore do repentance. ²⁰ Look, I stand before the door and knock on it, and if one will hear my voice and open the door, to this one I will come. ²¹ Whosoever overcomes, him² I will give to sit with me by my throne, like I overcame and sat down with my Father by his throne. ²² Whosoever has ears must hear what the Ruach says.'"

4: ¹ And after this I saw that a door was opened in the heavens, and the first voice which I heard – that spoke with me like the voice of a shophar³ – said to me, "Come here and I want to show you what will happen after this."

² And forthwith and immediately Ruach Ha-Qodesh rested⁴ on me, and I saw a throne sitting in the heavens, and one sat on the throne. ³ And he who sat on it, his appearance⁵ was like the appearance of *the* stone sapphire and jasper,⁶ and around the throne was a bow like turquoise.⁷ ⁴ And around the throne were twenty-four thrones,⁸ and twenty-four elders sat on

¹ Or "chasten" or "rebuke."

² Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

³ Hebrew word for "ram's horn" or "trumpet."

⁴ Or "abode" or "was dwelling."

⁵ Or possibly 'face.'

⁶ Or possibly 'jade.' The exact identification of many precious stones is debated.

⁷ Or possibly 'malachite' or 'garnet.'

⁸ Or "seats."

לבוש במלבושים לבינים ועל ראשיהם כתר זהב⁵
ומהכסא יצא קולות ורעמים וברקים ושבעה נירות לפני
הכסא ואילו המה שבעה רוחות יהוה⁶ ולפני הכסא היה
ים אחד של צלוחית כדמות אחלמה ובתוך []¹ הכסא
וסביב להכסא ארבע חיות מלא עינים מלפניהם
ומאחריהם⁷ והחיה הראשון היה כדמות []² אריה והשניה
כשור והשלישי כאדם והרביעי כנשר⁸ ולכל אחד ששה
כנפים ומבפנים מלואים עם עינים ולא יש להם מנוחה יום
ולילה ואומרים תמיד קדוש קדוש יהוה צבאות
האדיר ההיה והוה ויהיה⁹ ובשעה שהחיות נותנים שבת
והודאה לזה שישב על הכסא והחי מעולם ועד עולם¹⁰ היו
נופלים הארבע ועשרים זקינים לפניו

¹ Crossed-out letters.

² Crossed-out letters.

them, clothed with white garments, and on their heads was a crown¹ of gold. ⁵ And from the throne there went out, voices and thunders and lightnings, and there were seven lamps before the throne, and they are the seven Ruchot of YHWH.

⁶ And before the throne was a sea of glass, like the appearance of crystal.² And in the midst of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures, full of eyes at their front and at their back. ⁷ And the first living creature was like the appearance of a lion, and the second like an ox, and the third like a man, and the fourth like an eagle.³ ⁸ And each one had six wings, also from the inside they were filled with eyes. And they do not have rest, day or night, but say continually, "Qadosh,⁴ qadosh, qadosh, is YHWH Tseva'ot^{5,6} the Mighty,⁷ who was and is and will be."

⁹ And when the living creatures give lauding⁸ and thanksgiving to him⁹ who sits on the throne, who lives from everlasting and unto everlasting, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before

¹ Hebrew often uses a singular noun to imply plural (collective).

² Hebrew: "אחלמה" (*achlamah*) – see chapter 22:1, which indicates that "אחלמה" is not a red or brown Jasper as is commonly believed.

³ Compare Eze. 1:10, 10:14.

⁴ Lit. "Set-apart."

⁵ Hebrew word for "armies." The full name / title is "YHWH Elohei Tseva'ot" (YHWH the Elohim of Armies). See e.g. Jer. 5:14, Amos 4:13, Rev. 15:3.

⁶ See Is. 6:3.

⁷ Or "Majestic."

⁸ Or "praise."

⁹ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

ומתפללים לזה שחי מעולם ועד עולם וזורקים כתריהם לפניו ואומרים ¹¹ אדון אתה ראויה ליקח¹ כבוד ותפארת כי אתה ברא הכל וע"י² רצונך נעשה הכל

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¹ וזה שישב על הכסא ראיתי ביד ימינו ספר אחד וחתום בחתימות מבפנים ומבחוץ בשבעה חתימות ² וראיתי מלאך אחד צעק בקול גדול מי ראויה לפתוח את הספר ולשבר חתימותיו ³ ושום אחד לא בשמים ובארץ יוכל לפתוח הספר ולראות בו ⁴ ובוכה אני מאוד כיון שלא נמצא אחד שראויה לזה הדבר ⁵ ואחד מהזקנים אמר לי אל תבכה ראה שנצח האריה היש ממשפחת [³] יודא מהשורש דוד לפתוח הספר ולשבר השבעה חתימות ⁶ וראיתי שבתוך הכסא והחיות והארבע ועשרים זקנים עמד שם אחד כמו שנהרג ולו היה שבעה קרנים ושבעה עינים ואילו השבעה רוחות יהוה נשלח בכל הארץ ⁷ ובא ולקח הספר מיד [\(103r\)](#) ימינו מזה שישב על הכסא ⁸ ובשעה שלקח הספר

¹ This is an alternative from of the infinitive construct with "ל" preposition (root: "לקח"). Spelled "לקחת" in the Tanach.

² Abbreviation for "ועל יד".

³ Crossed-out letters.

him and pray to him¹ who lives from everlasting and unto everlasting, and they cast their crowns before him and say, ¹¹ "Adon,² you are worthy to receive honor and glory, for you created³ everything, and by your will⁴ everything was made."

5: ¹ And he⁵ who sat on the throne – I saw a scroll in his right hand, and it was sealed with seals on the outside and on the inside, with seven seals. ² And I saw a messenger crying out with a great voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?" ³ But no one in the heavens or in the earth was able to open the scroll or to look in it. ⁴ Then I wept exceedingly because no one was found who was worthy of this matter. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep, look, the lion who is from the family of Yehudah,⁶ from the root of Dawid, has overcome to open the scroll and to break the seven seals."

⁶ Then I saw that amongst the throne and the living creatures and the twenty-four elders, there stood a Lamb, like⁷ he had been slain. And he had seven horns and seven eyes⁸ (and they are the seven Ruchot of YHWH, sent into all the earth). ⁷ And he came and took the scroll from the right hand [\(103r\)](#) of him⁹ who sat on the throne. ⁸ And when he took the scroll, the four

¹ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

² The Hebrew word for 'lord' or 'master.'

³ Or "you are the creator of everything."

⁴ Or "goodwill."

⁵ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁶ Hebrew name for 'Judah.'

⁷ Or "as if."

⁸ See Zech. 3:9, 4:10.

⁹ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

היו נופלים הארבע חיות וארבע ועשרים זקינים לפני השה
 ובידיהם כינור ומחתות מלאים קטורת וזאת היא תפילת
 הקדושים⁹ , וזמרו שיר חדש ואמרו אתה ראוייה ליקח¹
 הספר ולפתוח את חתימותיו כי אתה נהרג וקנית אותנו
 בדמִיךְ¹⁰ ועשית אותנו לכהנים ולמלכים ואנחנו נהיו
 מלכים על הארץ¹¹ וראיתי ושמעתי קולות הרבה
 מהמלאכים סביב להכסא ומספרם היה אלפים רבבות¹²
 ואומרים בקול גדול השה הנהרג ראוייה לכה ולכבוד
 ולתפארת ולתהילת¹³ וכל הבריאות היש בשמים ועל
 הארץ ומתחת הארץ ובים שמעתי שאומרים לזה היושב
 על הכסא ולהשה כבוד ותהילות ושבח מעולם ועד עולם¹²
 וארבע החיות עונים אמן וארבע ועשרים זקינים נופלים
 ומתפללים לזה שחי מעולם ועד עולם

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¹ וראיתי שהשה פתח אחד מחתימות ושמעתי שהארבע
 חיות אומרים כקול אחד בא וראה² וראיתי סוס אחד לבן
 והיושב עליו היה

¹ This is an alternative from of the infinitive construct with "ל" preposition (root: "לקח"). Spelled "לקחת" in the Tanach.

living creatures and twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, and in their hands were lyres and fire pans full of incense (and this is the prayer of the set-apart ones). ⁹ And they sang a new song and said, "You are worthy to take¹ the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain and bought us with your blood, ¹⁰ and made us priests and kings, that we may be kings² over the earth."

¹¹ Then I saw and I heard many voices of the messengers around the throne – and their number was twenty million.³ ¹² And they said with a great voice, "The Lamb who was slain is worthy of power and honor and glory and praises!" ¹³ And all the creations⁴ which are in the heavens and on the earth and under the earth and in the sea, I heard saying, "To him⁵ who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be honor and praises and lauding, from everlasting and unto everlasting." ¹⁴ Then the four living creatures answered "Amein," and *the* twenty-four elders fell down and prayed to him⁶ who lives from everlasting and unto everlasting.

6: ¹ Then I saw that the Lamb opened one of *the* seals, and I heard the four living creatures say – like one voice – "Come and see!" ² Then I saw a white horse, and he who sat on it had

¹ Or "receive."

² Or possibly 'that we may reign over the earth.'

³ Lit. "two thousand ten-thousands" – could also be read as "thousands, ten-thousands."

⁴ Or "created things."

⁵ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁶ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

בידו קשת אחד ולו נותן כתר אחד והוא הלך לנצח ונצח³ וכיון שנפתח חתימות השני שמעתי שחיה השניה אמר בא וראה⁴ והלך לחוץ סוס אחר אדם והיושב עליו נותן ליקח השלום מהארץ ולו נותן חרב גדול⁵ ובשעה שפתח חתימת השלישי אמר החיה השלישי בא וראה וראיתי סוס אחד שחר והיושב עליו היה בידו מאזנים אחד⁶ ושמעתי קול אחד בתוך הארבע חיות אמר מדה אחת חיטים בשני פנים ושלושה מדות שעורים בשני פנים ולהשמן והיין אל תעשה רע⁷ וכיון שפתח חתימת הרביעי שמעתי החיה הרבעי אומר בא וראה⁸ וראיתי סוס אחד ברד ואמץ וזה שישב עליו היה שמו מלאך המות והגיהנם הלך אחריו ולו נותן רשות להמית חלק רביעי על הארץ בחרב וברעב ובמות וע"י¹ חיות הארץ

¹ Abbreviation for "ועל יד".

a bow in his hand, and a crown was given to him, and he went to overcome, and he overcame.

³ And when the second seal was opened, I heard the second living creature say, "Come and see!" ⁴ Then another red horse went out, and he who sat on it was given to take away the shalom from the earth, and a great sword was given to him.

⁵ And when he opened the third seal, the third living creature said, "Come and see!" Then I saw a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A measure of wheat for two [coins],¹ and three measures of barley for two [coins],² and to the oil and the wine, do not do damage!"

⁷ And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature say, "Come and see!" ⁸ Then I saw a speckled and strong³ horse, and he⁴ who sat on it, his name was The Messenger of Death, and Ha-Gei-Hinnom⁵ followed after him. And authority was given to him to put to death a fourth part on the earth, with the sword and with famine and with death, and by animals of the earth.⁶

¹ Hebrew: "פנים" (*panim*) – lit. "faces," and probably refers to coins with faces on them.

² See above note.

³ See Zech. 6:3.

⁴ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁵ Lit. "The valley of Hinnom." See footnote on chapter 1:18.

⁶ Or "by wild animals."

9 וכיון שפתח החמישי ראיתי תחת ההיכל הנשמות
שנהרגו על קדושת יהוה ובשביל העדות שהיה להם¹⁰
וצועקים בקול גדול ואומרים אדון הקדוש והנאמן עד מתי
תשפוט ואינה תנקם דמינו מאילו הדרים על הארץ¹¹
ולכל אחד מהם נותן מלבושי לבן ונאמר להם שתשקטו
עוד זמן מועט¹² ואריתי שפתח השישי והיה רעדות הארץ
והשמש היה שחור והירח היה אדם כדם¹³ וכל צבאם
יבול כנבל עלה מגפן וכנבלת מתאנה¹⁴ וכל ההרים
וגבעות נדעזו ממקומם¹⁵ ומלכי ארץ ורוזנים והעשירים
והשוטרים והעבדים והחופשים סותרים במערות צרים
ובמחלות עפר¹⁶ ואומרים לההרים ולסלעים נפול עלינו
וסותר ואתנו מפני המראה של זה היושב על הכסא ומפני
חרון השה¹⁷ כי היום מחרון אפו בא ומי יוכל לעמוד לפניו

9 And when he opened the fifth, I saw under the temple the persons¹ which were killed because of the set-apartness of YHWH, and because of the testimony² which they had. 10 And they cried out with a great voice and said, "Set-apart and faithful Adon, until when will you judge without avenging our blood from those who dwell on the earth?!" 11 And to every one of them were given white garments, and it was said to them that they should rest yet a little time.

12 And I saw that he opened the sixth, and there was an earthquake and the sun was³ black and the moon was⁴ red like blood, 13 and all their host fell down like a leaf falls from a vine, and like the withering⁵ of a fig tree.⁶ 14 And all the mountains and hills were [shaken] away from their place. 15 And the kings of the earth and the rulers and the rich ones and the officers and the slaves and the free ones, hid in narrow caves and holes in the ground. 16 And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us because of the appearance⁷ of him⁸ who sits on the throne, and because of the fury of the Lamb! 17 For the day of his burning anger has come, and who is able to stand before him?!"

¹ Or "souls" – lit. "breaths."

² Hebrew: "עֲדוּת" (*edut*) – one of the names for the Torah.

³ Or "became."

⁴ Or "became."

⁵ The same Hebrew word is used for "withering" and "fall" and can mean to "wither and fall."

⁶ Quoted from Is. 34:4.

⁷ Or possibly 'face.'

⁸ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

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¹ ואחר כך ראיתי ארבע מלאכים עומדים אל ארבע פינות הארץ ומתאפקים¹ הארבע רוחות הארץ כדי שלא תהיה רוח על הארץ ועל המים ועל שום עץ² וראיתי מלאך אחר שבא ממזרח השמש ולו היה החותם מהאל חי וקיים וצעק בקול גדול להארבע מלאכים הנותן להם להזיק הארץ והים³ ואמר אל תזיקו להארץ ולהים או לעץ עד שאתן תו על מצחות עבדי יהוה⁴ ושמעתי המספר מאילו שנחתמו היה מאה וארבע וארבעים אלפים שנחתמו ממשפחות בני ישראל⁵ משבט יהודה שנים עשר אלף משבט ראובן שנים עשר אלף ומשבט גד שנים עשר אלף⁶ משבט אשר שנים עשר אלף משבט נפתלי שנים עשר אלף משבט מנשה שנים עשר אלף⁷ משבט שמעון שנים עשר אלף משבט לוי שנים עשר אלף ומשבט יששכר שנים עשר אלף⁸ משבט זבולון שנים עשר אלף ומשבט יוסף שנים עשר אלף ומשבט בנימין שנים עשר אלף⁹ ואחר כך ראיתי חברותה גדולה שלא יוכל לספור מכל העמים עומדים לפני הכסא

¹ Crossed out and replaced with "ואוחזים בידם" – in similar script to main text.

7: ¹ And after this I saw four messengers standing at the four ends¹ of the earth, and holding back² the four winds of the earth, so that there would not be wind on the earth or on the waters or on any tree. ² Then I saw another messenger which came from the rising of the sun,³ and he had the seal of the living El, and he imposed⁴ and cried out with a great voice to the four messengers to whom it was given to damage the earth and the sea, ³ and he said, "Do not damage the earth or the sea or the trees, until I place a mark on the foreheads of the servants of YHWH."

⁴ And I heard the number of those who were sealed: it was an hundred and forty-four thousand – who were sealed, of the families of the children of Yisrael. ⁵ From the tribe of Yehudah, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Re'uvén, twelve thousand; and from the tribe of Gad, twelve thousand. ⁶ From the tribe of Asher, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Naphtali, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Menasheh, twelve thousand. ⁷ From the tribe of Shim'on, twelve thousand; from the tribe of Lewi, twelve thousand; and from the tribe of Yisachar, twelve thousand. ⁸ From the tribe of Zevulun, twelve thousand; and from the tribe of Yoseph, twelve thousand; and from the tribe of Binyamin, twelve thousand.

⁹ And after this I saw a great company which one is not able to number, from all the nations, standing before the throne and

¹ Lit. "turning places" – could also possibly mean 'quarters.'

² Crossed out and replaced with "holding fast in their hand" – in similar script to main text.

³ Hebrew way of saying "east."

⁴ Or "charged."

ולפני השה ולובשים במלבושים לבינים ובידיהם ענפים¹⁰
 וצועקים בקול גדול ואומרים ליהוה הישועה ולהשה¹¹ וכל
 המלאכים עומדים סביב להכסא והזקינים והחיות ונופלים
 על פניהם לפני הכסא ומתפללים ליהוה¹² ואומרים שבת
 והודאה ותהילות וכבוד ותפארת וכת וגבורה תהיה
 לאלהינו [מעולם] ועד עולם אמן¹³ ויען אחד מהזקינים
 ואמר לי מי אילו [\(103v\)](#) הלובשים במלבושים לבינים
 ומאיזה מקום באים המה¹⁴ ואמרתי לו אדון אתה יודע
 והוא אמר לי אילו המה הבאים מתוך הרבה צער ורחצו
 בגדיהם וזקקו בגדיהם בדם השה¹⁵ ובשביל זה המה לפני
 הכסא יהוה ושרתו אותו יום ולילה וזה שישב על הכסא
 תדור¹ עליהם¹⁶ והיא² לא ירעבו ולא יצמאו ולא יכם שרב
 ושמש¹⁷ כי השה ינהגם אותם לבאר מים ומחה יהוה
 אלהים דמעה מעל כל פנים

פרק ח'

¹ וכיון שפתח השביעי שותקים כולם בשמים כשעה חדא³
² וראיתי שבעה מלאכים באים

¹ For the use of “ת” instead of “י”, see note on chapter 1:7.

² Probably used collectively (“they”), could also possibly mean “and this is:” – introducing the quote from the Tanach.

³ An expression borrowed from Biblical Aramaic. See Dan. 4:16.

before the Lamb, and they were clothed in white garments, and in their hands were branches, ¹⁰ and they cried out with a great voice and said, "Salvation belongs to YHWH,¹ and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the messengers were standing around the throne and the elders and the living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and prayed to YHWH, ¹² and said, "Lauding and thanksgiving and praises and honor and glory and power and strength be to our Elohim, from [everlasting] and unto everlasting, amein!"

¹³ Then one of the elders answered and said to me, "Who are these [\(103v\)](#) who are clothed with white garments, and from what place do they come?" ¹⁴ So I said to him, "Adon, you know." And he said to me, "They are those who come from the midst of much² suffering, and they have washed their garments and purified their garments with the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ And because of this they are before the throne of YHWH, and serve him day and night, and he³ who sits on the throne, he will dwell by them. ¹⁶ And they will not be hungry nor thirsty, and burning heat and the sun will not smite them,⁴ ¹⁷ for the Lamb will lead them to a well of waters,⁵ and YHWH Elohim will wipe off *the* tears from all faces."⁶

8: ¹ And when he opened the seventh, everyone in the heavens was silent for a moment, ² and I saw seven messengers coming

¹ See Ps. 3:8, Jonah 2:9.

² Or "great."

³ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁴ Quoted from Is. 49:10.

⁵ Compare Is. 49:10.

⁶ Quoted from Is. 25:8.

לפני יהוה ולהם נותן שבעה שופרות ³ ומלאך אחר בא
ודרך אצל ההיכל ובידו מחתות של זהב ולו נותן הרבה
קטורת ליתן¹ לתפילת הקדושים לפני ההיכל ולפני הכסא
⁴ והעשן מהקטרת הקדושים הלך מיד המלאך לפני יהוה ⁵
והמלאך לקח המחתה ומלא אותו באש ויצק על הארץ
ובא קולות ורעמים וברקים ⁶ והשבעה מלאכים עם
השבעה שופרות היו מוכנים לתקוע ⁷ והמלאך הראשון
תוקע והיה ברד ואש בלל בדם ונפל על הארץ ושליש
מהעצים נשרף וכל ירק השדה נשרף ⁸ והשני תוקע והיה
כהר גדול שרף באש והלך בים ושליש הים היה דם ⁹
ושליש מבריאות הים מתים ושליש מספינות ניטבעים

¹ This is an alternative from of the infinitive construct with “ל” preposition (root: “נתן”). Normally spelled “לתת” in the Tanach.

before YHWH, and seven shopharot¹ were given to them. ³ And another messenger came and stepped² next to the temple, and golden fire pans were in his hand. And much incense was given to him, to give *it* as the prayer of the set-apart ones, before the temple, and³ before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense of the set-apart ones went *up* from the hand of the messenger, before YHWH. ⁵ Then the messenger took the fire pan, and filled it with fire and poured it out on the earth, and there came voices and thunders and lightnings.

⁶ And the seven messengers with the seven shopharot⁴ were ready⁵ to blow. ⁷ Then the first messenger blew, and there was⁶ hail and fire mixed with blood, and it fell on the earth, and a third of the trees were burnt up, and all the green plants of the field were burnt up.

⁸ Then the second blew, and there was⁷ *something* like a great mountain burning with fire, and it went into the sea, and a third of the sea was⁸ blood. ⁹ And a third of the creatures of the sea died, and a third of the ships sank.

¹ Plural of שופר (*shophar*) – the Hebrew word for “ram’s horn” or “trumpet.”

² Or “stood.”

³ Or “even.”

⁴ Plural of שופר (*shophar*) – the Hebrew word for “ram’s horn” or “trumpet.”

⁵ Or “prepared.”

⁶ Or “there came.”

⁷ Or “there came.”

⁸ Or “became.”

¹⁰ והשלישי תוקע ונפל כוכב אחד משמים ושרף ונפל על
שליש הבארות מים ¹¹ ושם הכוכב היה תולעת ושליש
המים היה מר והרבה בני אדם מתים ע"י ¹ המים מפני
מורריהם ¹² והרביעי תוקע ונלקח [] ² השליש מהשמש
והירח וכוכבים ושליש מהיום לא זרח וגם הלילה ¹³
וראיתי ושמעתי מלאך אחד רחף בשמים וצעק בקול גדול
אוי אוי אוי לאילו הדרים על הארץ מפני הקול השופרת
שצריכים עוד לתקוע השלושה מלאכים

פרק ט'

¹ והמלאך החמישי תוקע וראיתי כוכב אחד נפל על הארץ
משמים ולו נותן המפתח [] ³ מתהום ² ופתח התהום ויצא
עשן מתהום כמו עשן מתנור גדול והחשך השמש והאור
מעשן התהום

¹ Abbreviation for "על יד".

² Crossed-out letters.

³ Crossed-out letters.

10 Then the third blew, and a star fell from the heavens, and it was burning, and it fell on a third of the wells¹ of water. 11 And the name of that star was Tola'at;² and a third of the waters was³ bitter, and many of the sons of man⁴ died by the hand⁵ of the waters, because of their bitterness.

12 Then the fourth blew, and there was stricken⁶ – a third of the sun and the moon and the stars. And a third of the day did not shine, and also the night.⁷ 13 Then I saw and heard a messenger flying in the heavens, and he cried out with a great voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the sound of the shopharot which the three messengers who still have to blow!"

9: 1 Then the fifth messenger blew, and I saw *that* a star fell onto⁸ the earth from the heavens, and to him the key of *the* Deep⁹ was given. 2 Then he opened the Deep, and there went out smoke from *the* Deep, like the smoke of a great oven, and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the Deep.¹⁰

¹ Or "cisterns."

² Or "Scarlet Worm" or "Scarlet-Red," probably named so because the water was changed to red, bitter blood (compare verse 8, and Ex. 7:15-25).

³ Or "became."

⁴ Or "descendants of the man," meaning "people" or "humans."

⁵ A Hebrew idiom meaning "by" or "through" or "by means of."

⁶ Or "smitten" or possibly 'eclipsed.'

⁷ Meaning 'also *a third* of the night' – the phrase 'a third' is implied in the second half of this sentence. (Called gapping, commonly found in the Hebrew Tanach).

⁸ Or possibly 'to.'

⁹ Hebrew: "תְּהוֹם" (*tehom*) – here used as synonym of She'ol.

¹⁰ Or "and he darkened the sun and the air with the smoke of the deep."

³ ומהעשן באים [¹ על הארץ ולהם נותן רשות
] ² להשחית ⁴ ונאמר להם שלא תזיקו לירק ולעשב
 השדה או לעץ רק לבד לבני אדם שלא יש להם החתימת
 במצחיהם מיהוה ⁵ ולהם נותן לא להמית אותם רק לצער
 אותם חמשה חדשים וצעריהם היה כצער עקרבים באם
 שנושך ⁶ ובימים ההמה תחכימו למות ולא תמצאנו ⁷
 וארבהים המה כמו הסוסים המוכנים למלחמה ועל
 ראשיהם כדמות כתרי זהבים ומראיהם כמראות האדם ⁸
 ושערותיהם כשערות הנשים ושניו כשני אריה ⁹ ^[10]
 וזנביהם היה כזנבי ארבה ולהם נותן רשות לצער הבני
 אדם חמשה חדשים ¹⁰ ^[11] ומלך שלהם היה מלאך אחד
 מתהום ושמו בלשון עברי אבדון ובלשון יון אפלליאן ¹¹ ^[12]
 אחד כעב הלך ראה עוד שני כעבים באים ¹² ^[13] והמלאך
 השישי תקע ושמעתי קול אחד מארבע פינות ההיכל לפני
 יהוה ¹³ ^[14] ואומרת

¹ Word crossed out and replaced with "ארבהים" – in same script as main text.

² Crossed-out word.

3 And from the smoke there came locusts over the earth, and authority was given to them to destroy.

4 And it was said to them that "You must not damage the green plants or the plants of the field or the trees, but only the sons of man who do not have the seal of YHWH on their foreheads."¹ 5 And it was given to them, not to kill them, but to inflict them with pain for five months. And their pain was like the pain of scorpions when they sting. 6 And in those days you will act wisely² to die, but you will not find it.

7 And *the* locusts were like horses that are prepared for war – and on their heads were *something* like³ crowns of gold, and their appearance⁴ was like the appearance⁵ of man. 8 And their hair was like the hair of women, and their⁶ teeth were like the teeth of a lion, 9 [10] and their tails were like the tails of locusts. And authority was given to them to inflict the sons of man with pain, for five months. 10 [11] And their king was a messenger of *the* Deep, and his name in the Hebrew tongue is Avadon,⁷ and in the Greek tongue, Apollyon. 11 [12] One⁸ pain has passed away, look, two more pains are coming!

12 [13] Then the sixth messenger blew, and I heard a voice from the four corners of the temple before YHWH, 13 [14] and it said

¹ Could also mean: 'who were not sealed on their foreheads by YHWH.'

² Meaning 'try with wisdom' or 'try wisely.'

³ Or "like the form of."

⁴ Or possibly 'face.'

⁵ Or possibly 'face' – plural in Hebrew.

⁶ Lit. "its" – collective use.

⁷ Lit. "Destruction."

⁸ Or "The first."

להמלאך השישי שתקע לך וחפש להארבע מלאכים
 האסורים אצל הים הגדול הנקרא פרת ^[15] 14 והארבע
 מלאכים היו מוכנים להמית השליש מבני אדם בשעה
 וביום ובחודש ובשנה אחד ^[16] 15 רכביהם היה מספרם
 רבתיים אלפי ושמעתי מספרם ^[17] 16 ואחר כך ראיתי
 בצורת הסוסים והיושבים עליהם שהיה להם מלבושים
 של זפת וגפרת ואש וראשי הסוסים כראשי האריה ^[1]
 ומפיהם הלך אש ועשן וגפרית ^[18] 17 ומאילו השלושה נהרג
 השליש מבני אדם ^[19] 18 כי כוחם היה בפיהם וזנביהם היה
 כנחשים וראשים היה להם ובאילו הורגים אותם ^[20] 19 אבל
 היה עוד הרבה בני אדם שלא יומתו ע"י² אילו הנגעים
 בשביל שעשו תשובה על מעשיהם הרעים ולא מתפללים
 להשטן ולא לע"ז³ הנעשה מחרם ומאבן או מעץ וכסף
 וזהב שלא יש בהם יכולת לילך⁴ או לדבר או לשמוע

¹ Crossed-out letters.

² Abbreviation for "על יד".

³ Abbreviation for "עבודה זרה" – a euphemism meaning "idols".

⁴ This is an alternative from of the infinitive construct with "ל" preposition (root: "הלך"). Spelled "ללכת" in the Tanach.

to the sixth messenger who blew, "Go and loosen¹ the four messengers who are bound at the great river² which is called Perat."³ 14 [15] And these four messengers were made ready to kill the third of the sons of man in an hour and in a day and in a month and in a year.⁴

15 [16] And the number of their riders⁵ was twenty million,⁶ and I heard their number. 16 [17] And after this I saw the shapes⁷ of the horses and those who sat on them, that they had garments of pitch and sulphur and fire. And the heads of the horses were like the heads of the lion, and from their mouths there went out fire and smoke and sulphur. 17 [18] And by these three, the third of the sons of man were killed, 18 [19] for their power was in their mouth, and their tails were like serpents, and they had heads, and with these they killed them. 19 [20] But there were still many sons of man who did not die by these plagues – because they did⁸ repentance from their evil deeds, by not praying to Ha-Satan, neither to the idols which are made of pottery and of stone or wood and silver and gold, which do not have the ability in them to walk or to speak or to hear – 20

¹ Lit. "set free."

² Lit. "sea," but could also mean 'river,' compare with chapter 16:11, see also 12:18 [15] and Is. 19:5.

³ Hebrew name for 'Euphrates.'

⁴ Meaning "at a certain hour of a certain day of a certain month of a certain year."

⁵ Or possibly 'chariots.'

⁶ Lit. "twenty thousand thousands."

⁷ Or "appearances."

⁸ Or possibly 'in order that they should do.'

ושלא עשו תשובה על כשפינם ועל []¹ זנותיהם או על
גנבתיהם^{[21] 20}

פרק י'

¹ וראיתי מלאך אחר ירד משמים ולבוש בענן אחד וקשת
על ראשו ומראהו כשמש ורגליו כלהבת אש² [\(104r\)](#) ובידו
ספר אחד פתוח ודרך עם רגל ימינו על הים ועם שמאלו
על היבשה³ וצעק בקול גדול כצעק האריה ובשעה שצעק
מדברים שבעה קולות בקוליהם⁴ ואחר שדברו בקוליהם
רציתי לכתוב אותם שמעתי בת קול משמים האומרת לי
סתם² אותם ואל תכתוב⁵ והמלאך העומד על הים ועל
היבשה []³ שראיתי ירם ימינו ושמאלו אל השמים⁶
וישבע בחי העולם הברא השמים ומה שיש בה והארץ
והים וכל מה שיש בהם שלא יש⁴ עוד עת⁷ רק באם
שהשבעה מלאכים תוקעים בשופרות תכלינה כל אלה
הסודות יהוה כמו שמודיע לעבדיו ולנביאיו

¹ Crossed-out letters.

² Altered to "סגור" – in similar / same script as main text.

³ Crossed-out letter.

⁴ Margin reads "יהיה עוד כך" – in different script than main text.

[21] but who did not do repentance concerning their sorceries or concerning their fornication or concerning their thefts.

10: 1 Then I saw another messenger descending from *the* heavens, and he was clothed with a cloud,¹ and a bow was over² his head – and his appearance³ was like the sun, and his feet like a flame of fire. 2 (104r) And in his hand was an open scroll, and he stepped⁴ on the sea with his right foot, and on the dry land with his left. 3 And he cried out with a loud voice, like the lion roars.⁵ And when he had cried out, seven voices⁶ spoke with their voices. 4 And after they had spoken with their voices, I wanted to write them,⁷ *but* I heard a voice⁸ from *the* heavens which said to me, “Shut them up, and do not write.”

5 And the messenger who was standing on the sea and on the land, which I had seen, lifted up his right hand and his left hand unto the heavens. 6 And he swore by the Ever-Living – who created the heavens and what is in it, and the earth and the sea and whatever is in them – that there was⁹ no time, 7 but, when the seven messengers blow with the shopharot, all these confidential counsels of YHWH will be completed, just like he made *it* known to his servants and¹⁰ to his prophets.

¹ Or “clouds.”

² Or “above” or “on.”

³ Or possibly ‘face.’

⁴ Or “stood.”

⁵ Lit. “cries out.”

⁶ Hebrew often uses “voices” for “thunders.”

⁷ Refers to the “seven voices.”

⁸ Hebrew: “בַּת קוֹל” (*bat qol*) – meaning ‘a voice from heaven.’

⁹ Or possibly ‘would be.’

¹⁰ Could mean “even.”

8 ושמעתי עוד פעם בת קול אמר לי לך וקח הספר []¹
 הפתוח מיד המלאך העומד על הים ועל היבשה,⁹ והלכתי
 להמלאך ואמרתי לו תנו לי הספר והוא אמר לי קח ובולע
 אותה ויהיה לך כדבש בפיך אבל במעיך יעשה לך צער¹⁰
 ולקחתי הספר מיד המלאך ובולע² אותו והיה כדבש בפי
 ואחר שאכלתי עשה לי צער במעי¹¹ והוא אמר לי אתה
 צריך לניבא עוד פעם לאומים ולעמים ולמלכים

פרק י"א

1 ונותן לי קנה אחד כדמות מטה ואמר קום למדוד ההיכל
 יהוה ומזבחו ואילו המתפללים בו² אבל ההיכל הפנימי
 זרוק לחוץ ולא תמרד כי הוא נותן להעמים ודרסו העיר
 הקודש ארבעים ושנים חדשים³ ואני נותן את שני עדים
 שלי והם מנבאים אלף ושני מאות ושישים יום ולבוש
 בשקים⁴ ואלה המה שני זיתים ושני אבוקות עומדים לפני
 אלהי הארץ⁵ ואם שאחד רוצה לעשות להם רעה תבוא
 אש ושרף אותם⁶ ולהם יש רשות לסגור השמים שלא יבא
 גשם על הארץ בימי נבאייהם ועל המים להפך בדם
 ולהכות הארץ בנגעים בכל עת שירצו

¹ Crossed-out letters.

² Altered to read "בלעתי" – in different script than main text.

8 Then I again heard a voice¹ saying to me, "Go, and take the open scroll from the hand of the messenger who stands on the sea and on the land." 9 So I went to the messenger and said to him, "Give me the scroll." And he said to me, "Take and swallow it, and it will be for you like honey in your mouth, but in your belly it will make you pain." 10 So I took the scroll from the hand of the messenger and swallowed it, and it was like honey in my mouth; but after I ate it, it made me pain in my belly. 11 Then he said to me, "You must prophesy again to² nations and to peoples and to kings."

11: 1 Then a reed like a rod was given to me, and he said, "Stand up, measure the temple of YHWH, and his³ altar, and those who worship in it, 2 but cast out the inner temple, and do not measure *it*, for it is given to the nations, and they will tread down the set-apart city, forty-two months. 3 And I will give my two witnesses; and they will prophesy a thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

4 And these are the two olive trees and the two torches, standing before the Elohim of the earth. 5 And if one wants to do them evil,⁴ fire comes and burns them. 6 And they have authority to shut the heavens so that rain does not come on the earth in the days of their prophesying; and over the waters, to turn *them* into blood; and to smite the earth with plagues at any time that they want.

¹ Hebrew: "בַּת קוֹל" (*bat qol*) – meaning 'a voice from heaven.'

² Or "about nations and peoples and kings."

³ Or possibly "its."

⁴ Or "harm."

7 ואחר שכלא עדותם יעשה החיה שהלך מתהום מלחמה
 עימם וינצח אותם ויהרג אותם 8 ונבלתיהם תזרקו על
 הרחובות מהעיר הקדושה הנקרא סדום ומצרים כיון¹
 ששם נצלב אדונינו 9 ואיזה מהעמים ומהשבטים יראו את
 נבלתיהם שלושה ימים וחצי ולא תקברו² אותם 10 ואילו
 הדרים על הארץ ישמחו עליהם וישלחו מתנות איש
 לרעהו כי []³ הנביאים הללו עשו הרבה צער לאילו
 הדרים על הארץ 11 ואחר שלושה ימים וחצי קמים⁴ המה
 ודורסים על רגליהם ופחד ואימה גדולה נפל על אילו
 הרואים אותם 12 ושומעים קול אחד אמר להם עלו ויעלו
 למעלה בשמים בענן אחד וראו אותם שונאיהם 13 ובשעה
 הזאת היה רעדות הארץ וחלק עשירי מהעיר נפל וימת
 שבעה אלפים מבני אדם ואחרים נבהלו ונתנו שבת
 לאלהי השמים 14 ראה הצער השני הלך והשלישי בא

¹ Crossed out (not by original scribe) and margin reads "ונם המקום ששם"
 – in different script than main text.

² For the use of "ת" instead of "י", see note on chapter 1:7.

³ Crossed-out letters.

⁴ Altered to "יקומו" – in similar / same script as main text.

7 And after they have completed their testimony, the animal¹ which comes from *the* Deep will make war with them, and will overcome them and kill them. 8 And their corpses will be thrown on the plains² of the set-apart city, which is called Sedom³ and Mitsrayim,⁴ because our Adon was crucified there. 9 And some of the nations and of the tribes will see their corpses, three and a half days, and they will not bury them. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice about them, and will send one another gifts, for these prophets caused much suffering to those who dwell on the earth.

11 And after three and a half days they stood up and stepped⁵ on their feet! And fear and great terror fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a voice saying to them, "Come up!" Then they went up into the heavens in⁶ a cloud, and their haters⁷ saw them. 13 And in that hour there was an earthquake, and a tenth part of the city fell, and seven thousand of the sons of man died, and the others were terrified and gave praise⁸ to the Elohim of the heavens. 14 Look, the second pain has passed, and the third is coming!

¹ Or "beast." Compare Daniel chapters 7 & 8. – The Bible often uses the term 'animal' or 'beast' to refer to a kingdom and / or its leader or king.

² Or "open places," or possibly "streets."

³ Hebrew name for 'Sodom.'

⁴ Hebrew name for 'Egypt.'

⁵ Or "were standing – stepping on their feet!"

⁶ Or "with."

⁷ Synonym of "enemies."

⁸ Or "lauding."

פרק י"ב

1 [11:15] והמלאך השביעי תקע והיו קולות הרבה בשמים
 האומרים העשירים¹ מהעולם הזה הולכים כולם אחר
 אדונינו ישוע והוא ימשל מעולם ועד עולם 2 [11:16] וארבע
 ועשרים זקינים היושבים על כסאיהם לפני יהוה נופלים
 על פניהם ומתפללים ליהוה 3 [11:17] ואומרים אנו נותנים
 שבת לך אדון צבאות ההיה והוה ויהיה 4 [11:18] והעמים
 נתמלאו אף וחימה ובא אפך והעת לשפוט המתים וליתן
 השכר לעבדיך הנביאים ולקדושים ולאלו היראים מפניך
 לקטנים ולגדולים ולהשחית לאילו שהשחיתו הארץ 5 [11:19]
 ובית תפילת יהוה נפתח בשמים ונתראה ארון לוחות
 הברית בבית תפילתו והיה קולות ורעמים וברקים ורעדות
 הארץ וברד גדול 6 [12:1] ונתראה נס גדול בשמים אחד אשה
 לבש בשמש והירח תחת רגליה ועל ראשה כתר אחד מן
 שניים עשר כוכבים 7 [2] והיא היה מעוברת וצועקת והיא
 []² יושבת על המשבר והיה לה הרבה צער בשביל
 הלידה

¹ Altered to "הכשרם" – in different script than main text.

² Crossed-out word.

12: 1 [11:15] Then the seventh messenger blew, and there were many voices in the heavens, which said, "The rich¹ ones of the world, all of them came after our lord Yeshua, and he will reign from everlasting unto everlasting!"² 2 [11:16] And *the* twenty-four elders who sat on their thrones³ before YHWH, fell on their faces and prayed to YHWH, 3 [11:17] and said, "We give praise⁴ to you Adon Tseva'ot, who was and is and will be! 4 [11:18] When⁵ the nations were filled with anger and wrath, your anger came; also the time to judge the dead ones; and to give wages to your servants the prophets, and to the set-apart ones, and to those who fear you, to the small ones and to the great ones; and to destroy those who destroyed the earth."

5 [11:19] And YHWH's house of prayer was opened in the heavens, and the ark of the tables of the covenant was seen in his house of prayer, and there were voices and thunders and lightnings and an earthquake, and great hail.

6 [12:1] And a great sign appeared in the heavens: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and on her head was a crown of twelve stars. 7 [2] And she was pregnant and cried out, and she was at the point to give birth, and she had much pain because of the birth.

¹ Altered to "right / worthy / lawful ones" – in different script than main text.

² A Hebrew idiom which often means "forever and ever" – see e.g. Jer. 7:7, 25:5, 1Chr. 16:36, Neh. 9:5, Ps. 41:13, 103:17, 106:48.

³ Or "seats."

⁴ Or "lauding."

⁵ Or "While" – lit. "And the nations were filled with anger and wrath, and your anger came."

ונס אחר היה בשמים וראיתי אחד תנין ולו היה שבעה ^[3] 8
 ראשים ועשרה קרנים ועל ראשיו שבעה כתרים ^[4] 9 וזנבו
 לקח שליש מהכוכבים וזרק אותם על הארץ והתנין דרך
 לפני האשה שתילד כדי לאכול הילד באם שנולד ^[5] 10
 וילדה בן אחד המנהג העמים בשבט ברזל והילד מובא
 לפני יהוה וכסאו ^[6] 11 והאשה הלכה במדבר כיון שהיה
 מוכן לה שם מקום אחד מיהוה לפרנס אותה שם אלף
 ושני מאות וששים יום ^[7] 12 ונעשה מלחמה בשמים המלאך
 מיכאל עם מלאכיו נלחמו עם התנין ומלאכיו לחמו עימם
 ולא נצחו וגם לא נמצא עוד את מקומם בשמים ^[8] 13
 ונשלך לחוץ התנין הגדול הנקרא השטן המשחית והמסית
 את כל העולם והוא עם מלאכיו נשלכים על הארץ לדור
 שם ^[10] 15 [\(104v\)](#) ושמעתי קול גדול בשמים שאמר עכשיו
 נתראה גבורות אלהינו ומשיחו כיון שנשלך לחוץ זה
 שהיה כל עת לשטן עליהם ^[11] 15 וינצחו אותו ע"י¹ דם

¹ Abbreviation for "על יד".

8 [3] And there was another sign in the heavens, and I saw a dragon, and he had seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven crowns. 9 [4] And his tail took a third of the stars, and cast them on the earth. And the dragon stepped¹ before the woman who would give birth, in order to devour the child when he was born. 10 [5] Then she gave birth to a son, who would lead² the nations with a rod of iron, and the son was brought before YHWH and his throne. 11 [6] Then the woman went into the wilderness, for there a place was prepared for her by YHWH, to sustain her there a thousand two hundred and sixty days.

12 [7] And there was war in the heavens: the messenger Michael³ with his messengers made war with the dragon, also his messengers made war with them. 13 [8] But they did not overcome, neither was their place in heaven found anymore. 14 [9] So the great dragon was cast out, who is called Ha-Satan, who destroys and seduces the whole world. And he with his messengers were cast onto the earth to dwell there.

15 [10] [\(104v\)](#) Then I heard a great voice in the heavens which said, "Now the might⁴ of our Elohim and his Mashiach has appeared, for he⁵ is cast out who was as an adversary⁶ against them all the time. 15 [11] And they overcame him by the blood

¹ Or "stood."

² Or possibly 'rule.'

³ Pronounced "Mi-cha'el" in Hebrew.

⁴ Or "mighty deeds."

⁵ Lit. "this one."

⁶ Hebrew: "שָׂטָן" (*satan*) – means "adversary" or "accuser."

השה וע"י¹ הדיבור מעדותיהם וחשבו את חייהם לכולם¹⁶
ובשביל זה תשמחו השמים וכל אשר בה ואוי לאילו^[12]
הדרים על הארץ ועל הים כי השטן ירד לכם בחרון אף
גדול ויודע שיש לו זמן מועט^{[13] 17} וכיון שראה התנין
שנשלך על הארץ רדף אחר האשה שילדה^{[14] 18} ונותן
להאשה שתי כנפים כנשר גדול כדי לילך² במדבר במקום
שנתן לה יהוה לפרנס אותה שם עת אחד ושני עיתים
וחצי מפני התנין^{[15] 18} והשליך התנין אחר האשה מים
[מפיו] כים גדול כדי להשקיט אותה^{[16] 19} אבל היה להאשה
ישועה מהאדמה כיון שפתחה את פיה ובלע המים
שהשליך התנין אחריה^{[17] 20} והתנין נתמלא באף על אודות
האשה והלך ללחום עם הנותרים מזרעה העושים את
מצות יהוה והמאמינים בעדות של משיחו

¹ Abbreviation for "ועל יד".

² This is an alternative from of the infinitive construct with "ל" preposition (root: "הלך"). Spelled "ללכת" in the Tanach.

of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and¹ their lives were reckoned² to all of them. 16 [12] And because of this you must rejoice o heavens and all who is in them, but woe to those who dwell on the earth and on the sea – for Ha-Satan went down to you with great burning anger, and he knows that he has a little time.”

17 [13] And when the dragon saw that he was cast onto the earth, he pursued after the woman who gave birth. 18 [14] But there was given to the woman, two wings like a great eagle – to go into the wilderness, into the place that YHWH gave her – to sustain her there a time, and two and a half times, away from³ the dragon. 18 [15] Then the dragon cast waters from [his] mouth after the woman, like a great sea,⁴ to annihilate⁵ her. 19 [16] But the woman had deliverance from the earth,⁶ for she⁷ opened her mouth and swallowed the waters which the dragon cast after her.⁸ 20 [17] Then the dragon was filled with anger because of the woman, and he went to make war with the remaining ones of her seed, who perform the commandments of YHWH, and believe in the testimony of his Mashiach.

¹ Or “therefore.”

² Meaning, “credited to them.”

³ Or “because of.”

⁴ Lit. “sea,” but could also mean ‘river,’ compare chapter 9:13[14] with 16:11, see also Is. 19:5.

⁵ Or “destroy” – lit. “silence.”

⁶ Or “ground.”

⁷ I.e. “the earth.”

⁸ I.e. “the woman.”

פרק י"ג

1 ודרכתי על חול הים ^{[1] 2} וראיתי חיה אחד יצא מהים ולו
היה שבעה ראשים ועשרה קרנים ועל קרניו עשרה כתרים
ועל ראשיה שמות של חירופים וגדופים ^{[2] 3} והחיה
שראיתי היה כדמות סוס ורגליו כרגלי דובים ופיו כפי
האריה והתנין נתן לו את כחו וכסאו וגבורת גדולה ^{[3] 4}
וראיתי אחד מראשיו דומה לחבורה של מות וחבורה
נתרפאה וכל העולם משתומם בשביל החיה הזאת ^{[4] 5}
ומתפללים להתנין הנותן להחיה כח וממשלה ומתפללים
להחיה ואומרים מי דומה לזאת החיה ומי יוכל ללחום
עימו ^{[5] 6} ונותן להחיה לפתוח את פיו לדבר דברי נפלאות
וחירוף עד שכלא הזמן של הארבעים ושנים חדשים ^{[6] 7}
ופתח את פיו לחרף כנגד יהוה וכנגד הדרים בשמים ^{[7] 8}
ונותן לו ללחום עם הקדושים ולנצח אותם וכל העמים
ואומם ^{[8] 9} וכולם הדרים על הארץ מתפללים לו אילו שלא
נכתב את שמם בספר החיים של השה הנהרג מכתחילת¹
העולם

¹ Altered to "מתחילת" – in different script than main text.

13: ¹ And I stepped¹ on the sand of the sea, ² [1 cont.] and I saw an animal² coming out of the sea, and he had seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns were ten crowns, and on his heads were names of reproach and blasphemy.³ ³ [2] And the animal which I saw was like a horse, and his feet like the feet of bears, and his mouth like the mouth of the lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne, and great strength.⁴

⁴ [3] Then I saw *that* one of his heads was like a deadly wound – but the wound was healed, and all the world was astonished because of this animal. ⁵ [4] Then they prayed to the dragon who gave the animal power and dominion, and they prayed to the animal and said, “Who is like this animal, and who is able to make war with it?” ⁶ [5] And it was given to the animal to open his mouth to speak wonderful words⁵ and reproach⁶ until the time of forty-two months was completed. ⁷ [6] So he opened his mouth to blaspheme against YHWH, and against those who dwell in the heavens. ⁸ [7] And it was given to him to make war with the set-apart ones; and to overcome them, and all the peoples and nations. ⁹ [8] And all those who dwell on earth prayed to him – those whose name was not written in the scroll of life of the Lamb who was slain, from the beginning of the creation of the world.

¹ Or “stood.”

² Or “beast.” Compare Daniel chapters 7 & 8. – The Bible often uses the term ‘animal’ or ‘beast’ to refer to a kingdom and / or its leader or king.

³ Lit. “reproaches and blasphemies.”

⁴ Or “might.”

⁵ Or “incredible things” or “unbelievable things” – compare Dan. 11:36.

⁶ Or “blasphemy.”

10 [9] מי שיש לו אזנים שומע 11 [10] באם שאחד ינהג במשמר
 ילך במשמר ובאם שאחד הרג נפש אחר בחרב נהרג
 בחרב ובכאן יש תקוה ואמונת הקדושים 12 [11] וראיתי חיה
 אחר יצא מהאדמה ולו היה שתי קרנים כמו להשה ומדבר
 כתנין 13 [12] ועשה נפלאות גדולות לפני החיה הראשונה
 ועשה שהאדמה והדרים עליה מתפללים להחיה
 הראשונה שנתרפאה []¹ חבורתיה 14 [13] ועשה שנפל אש
 משמים לפני האדם 15 [14] והסית הבני אדם עם אותות
 ומופתים שלו ואמר לאילו הדרים על הארץ שיעשו פסל
 להחיה שיש לה חבורות הרב ונתרפאה 16 [15] ולו נותן ליתן
 לפסל החיה רוח ונפש כדי שיוכל לדבר ולעשות מי שלא
 ירצה לתפלל לפסל מהחיה שיהרג 17 [16] ועשה לכולם
 הגדולים והקטנים העשירים והעניים העבדים
 והמשוחררים סימן אחד ביד ימינו או במצחיהם 18 [17] כדי

¹ Crossed-out letters.

10 [9] Whosoever has ears must hear: 11 [10] if one drives *another* into prison, he will go into prison, and if one kills another nephesh¹ with the sword he will be killed by the sword; and here is hope, and the faith² of the set-apart ones.

12 [11] Then I saw another animal coming out of the earth, and he had two horns like the Lamb but spoke like a dragon. 13 [12] And he did great wonders before the first animal, and made that the earth and those who dwell on it pray to the first animal, who was healed from his wounds.³ 14 [13] And he made fire fall from the heavens before man. 15 [14] And he seduced the sons of man with his signs and wonders, and said to those who dwell on the earth that they must make a carved image⁴ to the animal that had the wounds of a sword, but was healed. 16 [15] And to him it was given, to give the carved image of the animal a spirit and nephesh⁵ (so that it⁶ was able to speak); and to make whosoever does not want⁷ to pray to the carved image of the animal, that he be killed.

17 [16] And he made for them all – the great ones and the small ones, the rich ones and the poor ones, the slaves and the freed ones – a sign on his right hand or on their forehead, 18 [17] that

¹ Lit. “breath,” can mean ‘person,’ ‘life,’ ‘soul,’ etc. – take note, not the Greek understanding of soul.

² Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

³ Or possibly ‘whose wounds were healed.’

⁴ Or simply “an image.”

⁵ Lit. “breath,” means ‘life’ or ‘soul,’ etc. – take note, not the Greek understanding of soul.

⁶ I.e. “the image.”

⁷ Or “is not willing.”

שלא יוכל שום אחד לקנות או למכור רק באם שיש לו זה
 הסימן בידו או במצחו או השם של החיה או המספר של
 שמו ¹⁹ ^[18] בכאן יש חכמה ותבונה מי שיש בעל שכל צריך
 לחשב המשפר מהחיה כי היא מספר של אדם אחד
 ותמצא הסך היא שש מאות וששים וששה

פרק יד'

¹ וראיתי שה אחד עמד על הר ציון ועמו מאה וארבע
 וארבעים אלפים ועליהם נכתב השם של אביו ² ושמעתי
 קול אחד משמים כרעש מים גדולים וכקול קולות גדולים
 והקול ששמעתי היה כקול¹ כינור ³ ומזמרים כשיר חדש
 לפני הכסא ולפני הארבע חיות והזקנים ושום אחד יוכל
 ללמוד השיר הזאת רק אילו המאה וארבע וארבעים
 אלפים שקנה מהאדמה ⁴ ואילו המה שלא חטאו בנשים
 [והם]² כבתולות והולכים אחר השה והמה נקנים לבכורת
 יהוה והשה ⁵ ואין ברוחם רמיה והם נקיים לפני הכסא
 יהוה ⁶ ואריתי מלאך אחד רחף באמצע השמים ולו היה
 אחד און גיליון³ להודיע לאילו הדרים על

¹ Or possibly "בקול" – "ב" and "כ" can look quite similar.

² Correction from margin.

³ Alternative phrase for "בשורה". The Peshitta New Testament also uses "אונגליון" (as one word) in e.g. Mark 1:1, Rom. 1:1, 1 Cor. 9:18, 2 Cor. 4:3, Gal. 2:14, Eph. 3:6, Phil. 1:5, etc. Note that "און גיליון" has been used to refer to the gospel(s) since the Talmudic Era, see Shabbat 116a-116b, where both "און גיליון" and "עון גיליון" are used.

no one is able to buy or to sell, unless he has this sign on his hand or on his forehead, or the name of the animal, or the number of his name. ¹⁹ [18] Here is wisdom and understanding: whosoever has insight needs to reckon the number of the animal, for it is the number of a man, and the amount is found,¹ six hundred and sixty and six.

14: ¹ And I saw a Lamb standing on mount Tsiyon,² and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand, and the name of his Father was written upon them. ² Then I heard a voice from the heavens like the noise of great waters, and like the sound of great voices,³ and the voice which I heard was like the sound of a lyre.

³ And they were singing like a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to learn this song except these hundred and forty-four thousand whom he bought from the earth. ⁴ (And these are they who did not sin with women, and they are like virgins and go after the Lamb, and they are bought as first fruits of YHWH and the Lamb. ⁵ And there is no deceit in their spirit,⁴ and they are blameless⁵ before the throne of YHWH.)

⁶ Then I saw a messenger fly in the midst of the heavens, and he had one good news⁶ to make known to those who dwell on

¹ Or possibly "and he will find *that* the amount is."

² Hebrew name for 'Zion.'

³ Or "thunders."

⁴ See Ps. 32:2.

⁵ Or "pure."

⁶ Or "one gospel."

הארץ ולכל העמים ולאומים⁷, ואמר בקול גדול יראו יהוה
ועשו תפילתכם לו כי היום הדין בא ועשו תפילה לזה
שברא השמים והארץ והים והבארות⁸. ואחר זה הקול בא
מלאך אחר וצעק נפלה נפלה בבל העיר הגדולה כי היא
השקיט עם היין של זנותה לכל העמים⁹, ואחר זה בא
מלאך השלישי ואמר בקול גדול באם שאתה יעשה
תפילתו להפסל ולהחיה ויקח הסימן על ידו או על מצחו¹⁰
זה ישתה מהיין של חרון יהוה היש בכוס החרון ויענש
באש וגפרית לפני מלאכיו הקדושים והשה¹¹ והעשן
מעונש שלהם ילך למעלה מעולם ועד עולם ולא יהיה להם
מנוחה יום ולילה אילו שלקחו הסימן ומתפללים לפסל¹²
בכאן יש תקוה מקדושים ובכאן יש העושים מצות יהוה
ומאמינים בישוע¹³ ושמעתי בת קול משמים אמר לי כתוב

the earth, and to all the peoples and nations. ⁷ And he said with a great voice, "Fear YHWH and do your prayer to him, for the judgment day has come, and do prayer to him¹ who created the heavens and the earth, and the sea and fountains!"

⁸ And after this voice another messenger came and cried out, "Fallen, fallen has Bavel^{2,3} the great city! – For she corrupted⁴ all the peoples⁵ with the wine of her fornication."

⁹ And after this, the third messenger came and said with a great voice, "If one does his prayer to the carved image⁶ and to the animal, and take the sign on his hand or on his forehead – ¹⁰ this one will drink of the wine of the fury of YHWH, which is in the cup of fury, and he will be punished with fire and brimstone before his set-apart messengers and the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their punishment will go up from everlasting and unto everlasting,⁷ and they will not have rest, day or night, those who took the sign and prayed to the carved image."

¹² Here is *the* hope of *the* set-apart ones, and here are those who do the commandments of YHWH, and believe in Yeshua. ¹³ And I heard a voice⁸ from the heavens saying to me, "Write:

¹ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

² Hebrew name for 'Babylon.'

³ See Is. 21:9.

⁴ Or "destroyed" – lit. "silenced" – compare chapter 12:18 [15].

⁵ Or "nations."

⁶ Or simply "the image."

⁷ A Hebrew idiom which often means "forever and ever" – see e.g. Jer. 7:7, 25:5, 1Chr. 16:36, Neh. 9:5, Ps. 41:13, 103:17, 106:48.

⁸ Hebrew: "בַּת קוֹל" (*bat qol*) – meaning 'a voice from heaven'.

קדושים המה המתים על קידוש יהוה מעכשיו ואמת היא
שהרוח אמר שהמה שוכנים ממעשיהם כי מעשיהם
הולכים אחריהם ¹⁴ וראיתי ענן אחד לבן ועליו יושב אחד
כדמות אדם ועל ראשו כתר זהב ובידו חרמש אחד ¹⁵
ומלאך אחר הלך מבית התפילה וצעק בקול גדול לזה
שישב על הענן הך בחרמש שלך וקצר כי העת הקצירה
בא ¹⁶ וזה שישב על הענן הכה בחרמש שלו וקצר ¹⁷ ומלאך
אחר הלך לשמים ובידו היה מעגל¹ אחד ¹⁸ ומלאך אחר
יצא מהמזבח ולו היה ממשלה על האש וצעק בקול גדול
לזה שהיה לו המגל ואמר הך במגל שלך וקצר את ענבי
ארץ כי פירותיה תנבשל ¹¹⁹ ויך המלאך המגל שלו וקצר
את ענבי ארץ וזרק

¹ Here used as an alternative spelling for "מגל".

Blessed¹ are they who die on account of the sanctification² of YHWH from now on! And³ what the Ruach says is true: that they rest from their works, for their works follow after them."

14 Then I saw a bright⁴ cloud, and on it there sat one with the appearance⁵ of a man, and on his head was a crown of gold, and in his hand was a sickle. 15 And another messenger came from the house of prayer, and cried with a loud voice to him⁶ who sat on the cloud, "Thrust with your sickle and harvest, for the time of the harvest has come!" 16 Then he⁷ who sat on the cloud, thrust with his sickle and harvested.

17 And another messenger came to the heavens, and in his hand was a sickle.⁸ 18 Then another messenger went out from the altar (and he had control over the fire), and he cried out with a loud voice to him⁹ who had the sickle and said, "Thrust with your sickle and harvest *the* grapes of *the* earth, for its fruits are ripe."¹⁰ [19] So the messenger thrust with his sickle and harvested *the* grapes of *the* earth, and cast *them* into the

¹ Hebrew: "קְדוּשִׁים" (*qedoshim*) – lit. "set apart" but often means "blessed."

² Or "set-apartness."

³ Or "Yea..."

⁴ Or "white."

⁵ Lit. "like the appearance."

⁶ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁷ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁸ Verses 17-[19] use the Hebrew word '*magal*' for "sickle," but verses 14 - 16 use '*charmash*.'

⁹ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

¹⁰ Or possibly 'for it is ripe with its fruit.'

ביקב גדול החרון יהוה¹⁹ [20] והיקב היה מחוץ לעיר¹ והדם
מיקב הלך עד הרסן של הסוסים דרך אלף ושש מאות
קברות השדה²

פרק ט"ו

(105r)

¹ וראיתי ניסים ונפלאות גדולים בשמים כי שבעה
מלאכים באים ולהם היה השבעה³ [] נגעים אחרונים כי
בהם כלא החרון אף מיהוה² וראיתי כמו⁴ [] ים צלוחית
בלל עם אש ואילו שנצחו עם⁵ החיה ופסל שלו עומדים
אצל הים צלוחית ולהם היה כינורות יהוה³ ומזמרים
השירה של משה והשיר השה ואומרים גדולה מעשי יהוה
אלהי צבאות צדק ואמת דרכיך מלך המלכים⁴ ומי לא
יראה לפניך וליתן שבח לשמך כי אתה לבדו קדוש כי כל
העמים יבואו וישתחו לפניך כי משפטיך נתגלה

¹ Margin reads "וירק יקב של דם חוץ לעיר" – in different script than main text.

² Altered to "כברת ארץ" – in different script than main text.

³ Crossed-out letters.

⁴ Crossed-out letter.

⁵ Simply introduces the direct object(s).

great winepress of the fury of YHWH.¹ ¹⁹ [20] And the winepress was outside the city,² and the blood of the winepress went *up* to the bridle of the horses, a way of one thousand six hundred [stretches]³ of field.

15: ¹ (105r) And⁴ I saw great signs and wonders in the heavens, for seven messengers came, and they had the seven last plagues, for by them the burning anger of YHWH is completed.

² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who overcame the animal and his carved image⁵ stood next to the sea of glass, and they had the lyres of YHWH. ³ And they sang the song of Mosheh⁶ and the song of the Lamb, and said, "Great are the works of YHWH Elohei Ha-Tseva'ot!⁷ Righteousness and truth⁸ are your ways o King of kings! ⁴ And who will not fear you,⁹ and give praise to your name? – For you alone are qadosh!¹⁰ Truly,¹¹ all the nations will come and bow down before you, for your judgments are revealed!"

¹ Or possibly 'a great winepress – the fury of YHWH.'

² Margin reads "And he cast the winepress of blood outside the city" – in different script than main text.

³ Or "distances of land."

⁴ Or "Then."

⁵ Or simply "his image."

⁶ Hebrew name for 'Moses.'

⁷ Meaning, "YHWH the Elohim of the armies."

⁸ Or "faithfulness."

⁹ Lit. "before you." Could also mean "because of you."

¹⁰ Lit. "set-apart."

¹¹ Or possibly, 'All nations will come... when your judgments are revealed.'

5 ואחר כך ראיתי שנפתח ארון הברית בשמים 6 ויצא לחוץ השבעה מלאכים שהיה להם השבעה נגעים ולבוש במלבושי לבינים וחגור של זהב על מתניהם 7 ואחד מהארבע חיות נתן להשבע מלאכים שבע קערות של זהב מלאים בחרון יהוה החי מעולם ועד עולם 8 ובית התפילה נתמלאה בעשן וכבוד יהוה מלא את המשכן ושום אחד יוכל לילך לתוכה עד שכלא השבעה נגעים מהשבעה מלאכים

פרק ט"ז

1 ושמעתי קול אחד מבית התפילה ואמר להשבעה מלאכים לכו וצאקו¹ מהקערות על האדמה החרון יהוה 2 והראשון הלך ויצק את קערו על האדמה והיה לשחין פרח על האדם שהיה להם הסימן מהחיה והמתפללים לפסל שלו 3 ויצק המלאך השני את קערו בים והיה דם כמו ממת וכל אשר בהים תמות 4 והשלישי יצק את קערו בבארות מים והיה דם 5 ושמעתי שהמלאך אמר יהוה הצדיק ההיה והוה ו[יהיה]²

¹ The aleph is a vowel letter, thus "וצאקו" = "וְצָאקוּ". This word was later altered to "ותשפכו" – in different script than main text.

² Probable reconstruction.

5 And after this I saw *that* the ark of the covenant was opened in the heavens. 6 Then the seven messengers who had the seven plagues went out, clothed in white clothes, and a girdle of gold was on their loins. 7 Then one of the four living creatures gave the seven messengers seven bowls of gold, full of the fury of YHWH, who lives from everlasting and unto everlasting. 8 And the house of prayer was filled with smoke, and the glory of YHWH filled the tabernacle, and no one was able to go into it until the seven plagues of the seven messengers were finished.

16: 1 Then I heard a voice from the house of prayer, and it¹ said to the seven messengers, "Go and pour out the bowls on the earth – the fury of YHWH."

2 So the first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and it became boils, breaking out on the men who had the sign of the animal and prayed² to his carved image.³

3 Then the second messenger poured out his bowl on the sea, and it was⁴ blood like *that* of a dead one, and all that was in the sea died.

4 Then the third poured out his bowl on the fountains of waters and it was⁵ blood. 5 Then I heard that the messenger said, "YHWH the Righteous, who was and is and [*will be*]⁶ – you are

¹ Or possibly "he."

² Or "and those who prayed."

³ Or simply "his image."

⁴ Or 'became.'

⁵ Or 'became.'

⁶ Probable reconstruction.

קדוש אתה שנתת זאת המשפט ⁶ כי המה שפכו דמי
הקדושים והנביאים כמים ואתה נתת להם דם לשתות כי
המה ראויים לזה ⁷ ושמעתי מלאך אחר שדיבר מתוך
ההיכל בן אלהי הצבאות משפטיו צדק המה ⁸ והרביעי
יצק את קערו בשמש ולו נותן לעשות חם לאדם ⁹ והיה
הרבה חם לאדם ומקללו ליהוה בשביל הנגעים הללו ולא
עשו תשובה ליתן לו כבוד ¹⁰ והחמישי יצק את קערו על
הכסא של החיה והחשך אותו והמה נושכים לשוניהם
מפני צער ¹¹ ^[12] והששי יצק את קערו על הנהר פרת ויבש
את הנהר כדי להיות מסלה להמלכים שהמה ממזרח
השמש ¹² ^[13] וראיתי שהלך מפי התנין ומפי החיה ומפי
הנביא שקר שלושה שרצים טמאים כדמות צפרדעים ¹³ ^[14]
ואילו המה רוחות השטן ועושים ניסים ואותות והולכים
למלכי

qadosh that you gave this judgment, ⁶ for they have shed the blood of the set-apart ones and the prophets like waters, and you gave them blood to drink, for they are worthy of ¹ this!" ⁷ Then I heard another messenger who spoke from inside the temple, "Yes, Elohei Ha-Tseva'ot,² your judgments are righteousness."

⁸ Then the fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was given to it, to make heat for man. ⁹ Then men had much heat, and they cursed YHWH because of these plagues, but they did not do repentance to give him glory.

¹⁰ Then the fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the animal, and it was darkened,³ and they bit their tongues because of *the* pain.⁴

¹¹ [¹²] Then the sixth poured out his bowl on the river Perat,⁵ and the river dried up,⁶ to be⁷ a path for the kings who are at⁸ the rising of the sun.⁹ ¹² [¹³] And I saw that there came forth from the mouth of the dragon and from the mouth of the animal and from the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean creeping things like frogs. ¹³ [¹⁴] And these are the spirits of Ha-Satan, doing signs and wonders, and they go to *the* kings

¹ Or "they deserve this!"

² Meaning "Elohim of the armies." Hebrew: "אלהי הצבאות".

³ Or "and darkened it."

⁴ Or "suffering."

⁵ Hebrew name for 'Euphrates.'

⁶ Or "and dried up the river."

⁷ Or possibly 'that there could be.'

⁸ Or "from."

⁹ Hebrew way of saying "east."

ארץ ולכל העולם לקבץ אותם למלחמה על היום יהוה
האדיר ^[15] 14 ראה אני אבא כגנב וקדוש אילו שלא ישינים
ושמור את עצמו שלא ילך ערום בלי מלבושים כדי שלא
יגלה את ערוותו ^[16] 15 והוא קבץ אותם במקום אחד הנקרא
בלשון עברי הרמגדן ^[17] 16 והשביעי יצק את קערו באויר
והלך קול אחד מהכסא ואמר זאת עבר ^[18] 17 והיה קולות
ורעמים וברקים ורעדות הארץ שלא היה מעולם ^[19] 18
ומהעיר הגדולה נעשה שלשה חלקים והערים מהעמים
נופלים ונזכר העיר הגדולה בבל לפני יהוה ליתן לה הכוס
עם היין של חרון אפו ^[20] 19 וכל ההרים וגבעות נסו ולא
נראו עוד ^[21] 20 וברד גדול נפל על האדם משמים והמה
מחרפים ליהוה בשביל הנגע של הברד

פרק י"ז

¹ ובא אחד מהשבעה מלאכים שהיה להם השבעה קערות
ודבר לי ואמר בא והראה לך המשפט של הזונה הגדולה
היושבת על מים הרבה ² ועמה עושים זנות מלכי ארץ
ואילו המשכרת מיינה

of *the* earth and to all the world, to gather them to war for the day of YHWH the Mighty.¹ 14 [15] ("Look! I will come like a thief, and blessed are those who do not sleep, but keeps himself that he does not walk naked without clothes, that his nakedness be not uncovered.") 15 [16] And he gathered them to a place which is called in the Hebrew tongue, Har-Megidon.²

16 [17] Then the seventh poured out his bowl in the air, and there came a voice from the throne, and said, "This is over!" 17 [18] And there were voices and thunders and lightnings, and an earthquake which had never happened before – 18 [19] and of the great city was made three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And the great city Bavel³ was remembered before YHWH, to give her the cup with the wine of his burning anger. 19 [20] And all the mountains and hills fled, and were seen no more. 20 [21] And great hail fell on man from the heavens, and they blasphemed YHWH because of the plague of the hail.

17: 1 Then one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me and said, "Come, and you will be shown⁴ the judgment of the great harlot who sits over⁵ much waters, 2 with whom⁶ the kings of the earth and those *whom* she had made drunk with her wine have committed adultery."

¹ Or "Majestic."

² Or "the mountain Megidon."

³ Hebrew name for 'Babylon.'

⁴ Or "and there will appear to you."

⁵ Hebrew idiom meaning 'rules over' or 'reigns over.'

⁶ Lit. "and with her."

3 והביא אותי במדבר וראיתי האשה שישבה על החיה שמראיהו היה כמראה שושנים ומלא היה בשמות של חירופים ולו היה שבע ראשים ועשרה קרנים 4 והאשה היה לבוש במלבושי אדום כמראה שושנים ועליה היה הרבה זהב ואבנים טובות ומרגליות וכוס של זהב בידה מלא טמאות 5 ובמצחה היה כתוב השם של הסוד מהעיר הגדולה בבל האם מהזונות ומטומאות הארץ 6 וראיתי שהאשה שתה מדם הקדושים ומדם העדות של ישוע ותמיה גדולה היה לי כשראה אותה 7 והמלאך אמר לי מפני מה יש לך תמיה אני רוצה לאמר לך הסוד מהאשה ומהחיה שישבה עליה ומפני מה שיש לו שבע ראשים ועשרה קרנים 8 החיה שראית היה ולא הוה ויבא עוד פעם מתהום וילך לשאול וישתומם עליה אנשי האדמה

3 So he brought me into the wilderness, and I saw the woman who sat on the animal whose appearance was like the appearance of lilies, and was full of names of blasphemy, and he had seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was clothed with red garments with the appearance of lilies, and upon her there was much gold and goodly¹ stones and pearls,² and there was a golden cup³ in her hand, full of uncleanness.⁴ 5 And on her forehead was written the name of the secret⁵ of the great city Bavel, the mother of the harlots and uncleanness⁶ of the earth. 6 And I saw that the woman drank⁷ of the blood of the set-apart ones, and of the blood of the testimony of Yeshua. And I had a great amazement⁸ when I saw her.

7 Then the messenger said to me, "Because of what do you have amazement? I want to tell you the secret of the woman and of the animal which she sits upon, and because of what⁹ he has seven heads and ten horns. 8 The animal which you saw, was, but is not, and will come again from *the* Deep, (but he will go to She'ol).¹⁰ Then the men of the earth will be amazed about

¹ Or "precious."

² Or "jewels."

³ See Jer. 51:7.

⁴ Plural in Hebrew.

⁵ Or "mystery."

⁶ Plural in Hebrew.

⁷ Or "was drinking."

⁸ Meaning "I was greatly amazed when I saw her."

⁹ Or "why."

¹⁰ The place of the dead. To learn more about the Biblical definition of She'ol, see: Gen. 37:35, Num. 16:30-33, 1Sam. 2:6, Is. 14:9-15, Eze. 31:15-25, Jonah 2:3, etc.

באם שִׁירָאוּ הַחַיָּה שֶׁהִיחָה וְלֹא יֵשׁ אַע"פִּי שִׁישׁ⁹ וּבִכְאֵן יֵשׁ
דְּבַר שֶׁצָּרִיךְ שֶׁכֹּל וְחִכְמָה וְתִבְוֵנָה הַשְּׁבַעָה רֵאשִׁים הֵמָּה
שְׁבַעָה הָרִים שֶׁהָאִשָּׁה יוֹשֵׁב עָלֶיהָ¹⁰ וְאִילוּ הֵמָּה שְׁבַעָה
[מַלְכִּים]¹⁰ וּמֵהֶם נִפְלָה חֲמִשָּׁה וְאַחֵר יֵשׁ וְהַשְּׁנִי עַדִּיין לֹא
יֵשׁ וּבִאֵם שִׁיבָא צָרִיךְ הוּא לִהְיוֹת זְמַן מוֹעֵט¹¹ וְהַחַיָּה שֶׁהִיחָה
וְלֹא יֵשׁ זֶה הַשְּׁמִינִי וְהוּא יֵשׁ מִהַשְּׁבַעָה וְהַלֵּךְ לִשְׁאוֹל¹²
וְהַעֲשֶׂרָה קֶרְנִים שֶׁרָאִיתָ הֵם עֲשֶׂרָה [מַלְכִּים] שְׁעַדִּיין לֹא
קִבְּלוּ הַמַּלְכוּת אֲבָל הֵמָּה תִּמְשְׁלוּ כַּמַּלְכִּים עִם הַחַיָּה עַל
זְמַן מוֹעֵט¹³ וְלֵהֶם יֵשׁ מִחֲשָׁבָה אֶחָד וְהֵם יִתְּנוּ אֶת כּוֹחַם
וּגְבוּרָתָם לְהַחַיָּה¹⁴ וְהֵם יַעֲשׂוּ מִלְחָמָה עִם הַשָּׂה וְהַשָּׂה יִנְצַח
אוֹתָם כִּי הוּא אֲדוֹן מִהָאֲדוֹנִים וּמֶלֶךְ הַמַּלְכִּים וְעִימוּ
הַבְּחִירִים וְהַמֵּאֲמִינִים

¹ Abbreviation for "אף על פי".

him, when they see the animal who was, and is not, although he is.¹

9 And here is a word which needs insight and wisdom and understanding: the seven heads are seven mountains which the woman sits upon,² [10] and these are seven [kings]. 10 And of them, five are fallen and another is, but the second³ is not yet, and when he comes, he must be for a little time. 11 And the animal which was and is not, this is the eighth, and he is of the seven, and goes to She'ol. 12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten [kings] who have not yet received the kingdom, but they will rule like kings with the animal for⁴ a little time. 13 And they have one plan, and they will give their power and their strength to the animal. 14 And they will make war with the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them, for he is the Adon of the adonim,⁵ and the King of the kings, and with him are the chosen ones and the faithful ones."

¹ In the Hebrew Bible an animal not only represents a specific kingdom, but also its leader / king (See Daniel chapters 7 & 8). Thus the animal "who was and is not although he is," is easily understood: The leader of this kingdom had already died by the time John wrote the book of Revelation. So he was (had existed / lived), and then he died (is not), but yet his spirit is in "*the Deep*" and he will "come again from *the Deep*" and live again, temporarily resurrected from the dead. This will amaze just about everyone in the world!

² Hebrew idiom meaning 'rules over' or 'reigns over' – could also mean "dwells on."

³ I.e. 'the second' of the last two of the seven kings.

⁴ Lit. "over."

⁵ Or "the Lord of lords."

15 והוא אמר לי המים שראית שישב הזונה הם עמים
וחברותות ואומים 16 והעשרה קרנים שראית על החיה הם
יהיו שונאים להזונה ויעשו שממה ממנה ויאכלו את
בשרה ועם אש תשרפו אותה 17 כי יהוה נתן בלבביהם
לעשות רצונו ליתן עשרותיה להחיה עד שתכלא דיבורת
יהוה 18 והאשה שראית היא העיר הגדולה המלך על כל
מלכי ארץ

פרק י"ח

1 [\(105v\)](#) ואחר כך ראיתי מלאך אחר ירד משמים ולו היה
כת וגבורה גדולה והאדמה האיר מאורו 2 וצעק בכל כחו
ואמר נפלה נפלה העיר הגדולה בבל והייתה לדירת
השטנים ולהסתיר כל הטמאים מעופות ושרצים 3 כי כולם
שתו מיינה ומלכי ארץ עשו זנות עימה וכל הסוחרים
נתעשרו מתאותיהם הגדולה

¹⁵ And he said to me, "The waters which you saw, which the harlot sits *over*, are peoples and crowds and nations. ¹⁶ And the ten horns which you saw on the animal, they will be haters¹ of the harlot, and they will make a desolation of her, and will eat her flesh, and with fire they will burn her. ¹⁷ For YHWH gave it in their heart to do his will by giving her riches to the animal until the word of YHWH is completed.² ¹⁸ And the woman which you saw is the great city, which reigns over all *the* kings of *the* earth."

18: ¹ [\(105v\)](#) And after this I saw another messenger descending from *the* heavens, and he had power and great strength, and the earth shone with his light.³ ² And he cried out with all his power and said, "Fallen, fallen has the great city Bavel!"⁴ And it became a dwelling of satans,⁵ and to hide all the unclean ones of the birds and creeping things. ³ For all of them have drunk of her wine, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and all the merchants have become rich by [her]⁶ great desires."⁷

¹ Synonym of "enemies."

² Or "fulfilled."

³ Or possibly 'and he illuminated the earth with his light.'

⁴ See Is. 21:9.

⁵ The Hebrew word '*satan*' literally means "adversary." If '*satan*' has the article it is normally used as a title (and is transliterated as '*Ha-Satan*'); however *satan* (without the article) is used for 'enemy' or as a synonym of 'demon.'

⁶ Lit. "their," but in context this most likely refers to the inhabitants of the city *Bavel*.

⁷ Or "lusts."

⁴ ושמעתי קול אחר משמים ואמר צאו ממנה עמי כדי שלא נתענשו עימה בשביל עוונותיה ⁵ כי עוונותיה נגע אל השמים ויהוה תזכור¹ אותה ⁶ וכאשר עשתה עשו לה ושלם לה כפל כפליים כפי מעשיה ⁷ וכאשר התגאה והלכה אחר תאוותיה כצד זה עשו לה עינוים כי היא מחשב בליבה אני מלכה ולא אהיה אלמנה ושום צער לא אראה ⁸ ובשביל זה יבא צערותיהם ביום אחד המות והצער והרעב ועם אש תשרף כי עצום האדון יהוה שישפוט אותה ⁹ ושממו עליה מלכי ארץ שעשו זנות עימה באם שתראו² העשן מהאש ¹⁰ והמה יעמדו מרחוק מפני אימה

¹ For the use of "ת" instead of "י", see note on chapter 1:7.

² For the use of "ת" instead of "י", see note on chapter 1:7.

4 Then I heard another voice from *the* heavens, and he¹ said, "Go out of her my people, that they² be not punished with her because of her iniquities!³ 5 For her iniquities reach unto the heavens, and YHWH, he will remember her!⁴ 6 And as she did, do⁵ to her! And reward⁶ her double, two-double, according to her works!⁷ 7 And as she exalted herself and walked after her desires⁸ – according to this make torments for her, for she thinks in her heart, 'I am a queen, and I will not be a widow, and I will not see any suffering.'^{9,10} 8 But because of this [her]¹¹ sufferings will come in one day¹² – the death and the suffering and the hunger, and she will be burned with fire, for mighty is Ha-Adon YHWH who will judge her.

9 And the kings of the earth who committed fornication with her will be astonished over her, when they see the smoke of the fire. 10 And they will stand far away because of terror and

¹ Or possibly "it."

² Hebrew can switch from second to third person etc. without actual change of subject. This is often eliminated by Greek translation, and some English translations also follow the Greek rendition. See e.g. Ps. 145:12 (compare verses 11 & 13), Ps. 81:17[16], Is. 10:12.

³ See Jer. 51:6.

⁴ Or "it."

⁵ Plural imperative.

⁶ Singular imperative.

⁷ Alt. translation for verse 6: "And as she did, do to her and repay her! Double *it* two-double according to her works!"

⁸ Or "lusts."

⁹ Or "pain."

¹⁰ See Is. 47:7-8.

¹¹ Lit. "their," but in context this most likely refers to the inhabitants of the city Babel.

¹² Compare Is. 47:9.

ויאמרו אוי ואהה העיר הגדולה בבל פתאום יבא
שבורתִיך¹¹ והסוחרים יבכו¹ ושרקו² עליך בשביל שלא
יקנה שום אחד עוד סחורה מהם¹² הסחורה מזהב וכסף
ואבנים טובים ומרגליות ומשי וכל מיני עיצים ומיני כלים
של כסף וברזל ובדיל ועופרת¹³ ויין ושמן ולחם לבן
וחיטים ובקרים וכשבים וסוסים ועגלים ונשמות אדם¹⁴
והפירות שהיה לנחת רוח לך הלך ממך וכל החשובים
הלך ולא תמצא עוד¹⁵ והסוחרים שמכרו לה אילו הדברים
יעמדו מרחוק ויבכו עליה¹⁶ ויאמרו אוי ואהה עיר הגדולה
בבל שהיה לבוש במשי

¹ Margin reads "יישבו" – in different script than main text.

² Margin reads "ויבכו" – in different script than main text.

will say, 'Woe! And Alas! The great city Bavel! Your destruction came suddenly!'

¹¹ And the merchants will weep and hiss over you, for no one will buy merchandise from them anymore. ¹² The merchandise of gold and silver and goodly¹ stones and pearls² and fine linen and all kinds of wood and *all*³ kinds of vessels of silver and iron and tin and lead. ¹³ And wine and oil and white bread⁴ and wheat and cattle and sheep and horses and calves and souls of man. ¹⁴ And the fruit⁵ which was to satisfy your spirit,⁶ went away from you, and all the esteemed things⁷ went away *from you*⁸ and you will not find *them*⁹ anymore.¹⁰

¹⁵ And the merchants who sold these things to her will stand far away and weep over her, ¹⁶ and say, 'Woe! And alas! – *The* great city Bavel, which was clothed with fine linen and with

¹ Or "precious."

² Or "jewels."

³ Understood from preceding part of the verse. (Called gapping, commonly found in the Hebrew Tanach).

⁴ Could also mean "fine flour."

⁵ Plural in Hebrew.

⁶ More literally, "to satisfy the spirit for you."

⁷ Or possibly 'important ones.'

⁸ Understood from first part of the verse. (Called gapping, commonly found in the Hebrew Tanach).

⁹ Gapped, see above note.

¹⁰ Or "again."

ובזהב ובאבנים טובים ומרגליות ¹⁷ כי בשעה אחד נחרב
הכל מערבך¹ מלחך וחבליך מחזיקי בדקך וערבי מערבך
וכל אנשי מלחמתך יעמדו מרחוק ¹⁸ [] ² וצועקים בשעת
שראו העשן ואומרים מי נדמה לעיר הגדולה ¹⁹ ויזרקו עפר
על ראשיהם וצועקים ובוכים ומתאבלים ואומרים אוי אוי
לעיר הגדולה בבל כי ממנה נתעשרו כל הסוחרים שהיה
להם ספינות בים מסחורתיה ועכשיו בשעה אחד נחרב
הכל ²⁰ תשמחו השמים וקדושי ונביאיו כי יהוה נקם את
נקמתיהם בה³ ²¹ ומלאך אחד לקח אחד אבן גדול כמו אבן
רחים וזרק אותו בים ואמר ככה תשקע בבל ולא תקום

¹ Margin "מערך" – in different script than main text.

² Crossed-out word.

³ Margin reads "עם בה" – in different script than main text.

gold and with goodly¹ stones and pearls!² 17 – For in one hour³ everything is laid waste!’

Your merchandise and your mariners and your rope-men,⁴ those who repair you breaches⁵ and those who trade your merchandise and all the men of your war^{6,7} will stand far away – 18 and they will cry out when⁸ they see the smoke and say, ‘Who was like this⁹ great city!’ 19 And they will cast dust on their heads,¹⁰ both crying out and weeping and mourning and saying, ‘Woe! Woe to the great city Bavel! For by her were made rich, all the merchants who had ships in the sea – through her merchandise – and now in one hour¹¹ everything is laid waste!’

20 Rejoice over her, o heavens and his set-apart ones and his prophets! – For YHWH has avenged their vengeance¹² against her!”

21 Then one messenger took a great stone like a millstone, and cast it into the sea and said, “So will Bavel sink, and will rise up

¹ Or “precious.”

² Or “jewels.”

³ Often has the meaning “moment.”

⁴ Or “pilots” or “sailors.”

⁵ Or “ship seams.”

⁶ Meaning “all your soldiers.”

⁷ Verse 17b is quoted from Eze. 27:27.

⁸ Lit. “in the hour that.”

⁹ Lit. “the.”

¹⁰ See Eze. 27:30.

¹¹ Often has the meaning “moment.”

¹² Margin reads “the vengeance of *the* people” – in different script than main text.

עוד²² ולא נשמע עוד בה קול יששון וקול שמחה קול חתן
וקול כלה ולא שום כלי מלאכה מבעלי מלאכות והקול
מרחיים לא נשמע עוד בכ²³ ולא זרח עוד אור המאורת כי
הסוחרים שלך היו שרים על האדמה כי ע"י¹ כשופיך
הסיתו כל העמים²⁴ ובה נמצא דם הקדושים ונביאים
ומכל אילו שנהרגו על האדמה

פרק י"ט

¹ ואחר כך שמעתי קול אחד מחברותה גדולה האומרים
הללויה וכבוד וגבורה ותפארת תהיה ליהוה אדונינו² כי
צדק ואמת משפטו ששפט את הזונה הגדולה המשחית
הארץ עם זנותה ונקם את דמי עבדו ממנה³ ואומרים פעם
שנית הללויה והעשן הלך מדור לדור⁴ והארבע ועשרים
זקינים

¹ Abbreviation for "על יד".

no more!¹ 22 And there will no more be heard in her, *the* voice of joy and *the* voice of gladness, *the* voice of a bridegroom and *the* voice of a bride, nor any crafts-vessel from the crafts-masters² – also the sound of millstones will no more be heard in you,³ 23 neither will the light of a light-source⁴ shine *in you*⁵ anymore! – For your merchants were princes over the earth, for by your sorceries all the nations were deceived.⁶ 24 And in her was found the blood of the set-apart ones and prophets, and of all those who were killed on the earth.”

19: 1 And after this I heard a voice of a great crowd, who said, “Hallelu-Yah!⁷ Both honor and might and glory be to YHWH our Adon! 2 For righteousness and truth⁸ is his judgment – for⁹ he judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he avenged the blood of his servant¹⁰ from her!”

3 Then they said again, “Hallelu-Yah! And her¹¹ smoke goes *up* from generation to generation!” 4 So the twenty-four elders

¹ Verse 21b is a direct quote from Jer. 51:64.

² Could be paraphrased as, ‘any equipment of the experts.’

³ See Jer. 25:10.

⁴ Possibly plural, lit. “the light source(s).”

⁵ Understood from preceding verse. (Called gapping, commonly found in the Hebrew Tanach).

⁶ Or possibly ‘they deceived all the nations.’

⁷ Lit. “Praise Yah!” – Yah is a shortened form of Yahweh.

⁸ Or “faithfulness.”

⁹ Lit. “that.”

¹⁰ Collectively refers to YHWH’s people. See e.g. Is. 41:9, 44:1, 44:2, 44:21, 45:4, 49:3, Jer. 30:10, 46:27-28, Eze. 28:25, 37:25, Luke 1:54 etc.

¹¹ Lit. “the.”

והארבע חיות נופלים ומתפללים ליהוה היושב על הכסא
ואומרים אמן הללויה ⁵ וקול אחד יצא מהכסא הללויה
הללו עבדי יהוה הללו את שם יהוה והמתירים לפניו
שניהם קטנים וגדולים¹ ⁶ ושמעתי קול אחד כקול
מחברותה גדול וכקול מים גדולים וכמו קולות גדולים
האומרים הללויה כי יהוה גבר ⁷ נהינו שמחים וליתן לו
כבוד כי הזמן החתנה מהשה בא ואשתו מוכנת ⁸ ונותן לה
ללבוש במשי נקי וטוב ויפה ⁹ והוא אמר לי קדושים הם
שקרא לאכול אכילת ערב עם השה והוא אמר לי אלה
דברי יהוה באמת ¹⁰ ונפלתי לרגליו לתפלל לו והוא אמר
לי ראה אל תעשה אני חבריך ומאחיך ומאילו שיש להם
העידות מישוע עשי תפילתך ליהוה ¹¹ וראיתי שהשמים
נפתחים וראיתי סוס אחד לבן וזה שישב עליו שמו היה
נאמן ואמת והוא ישפוט בצדק ¹² ועיניו היה

¹ This phrase was altered to read "הכל כקטנים וגדולים" – in different script than main text.

and the four living creatures fell down and prayed to YHWH who sits on the throne, and they said, "Amein! Hallelu-Yah!"

5 Then a voice went out from the throne, "Hallelu-Yah! Praise o servants of YHWH, praise the name of YHWH,¹ even those who fear before him, both the small ones and great ones!" 6 And I heard a voice like the voice of a great crowd, and like the sound of great waters, and like great voices,² which said, "Hallelu-Yah! – For YHWH overcame! 7 Let us be glad and give him honor, for the time of the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his wife is prepared!"³ 8 And it was given to her to be clothed in fine linen, pure and good and beautiful.

9 Then he said to me, "Blessed are those whom he calls to eat *the* feast⁴ with the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the words of YHWH in truth."⁵ 10 So I fell to his feet to pray to him, but he said to me, "Look, do not do *it*! I am your fellow, and of your brothers, even of those who have the testimony of Yeshua. Do your prayer to YHWH."

11 Then I saw that the heavens were opened, and I saw a white horse. And he⁶ who sat on it, his name was Faithful⁷ and Truth, and he judges with righteousness. 12 And his eyes were like a

¹ Quoted from Ps. 113:1.

² Or "thunders."

³ Or "made ready."

⁴ Lit. "evening meal" but means "feast."

⁵ Meaning "These are truly the words of YHWH."

⁶ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁷ Or "Faithfull One."

כלהבת אש ועל ראשו הרבה כתרים ושם אחד כתוב עליו
ושם אחד יודע אותו רק הוא לבדו ¹³ ולבוש במלבוש
אחד שהיה זרק עליו דם ושמו היה דיבור יהוה ¹⁴ וכל
צבאות השמים הולכים אחריו על סוסי לבינה וכולם
לובשים מלבושי של משי לבינה ¹⁵ ומפיו הלך חרב
פיפיות כדי להכות בו העמים והוא ינהג אותם בשבט
ברזל והוכיח במישור לענבי ארץ בחרון אף יהוה ¹⁶ ושם
אחד כתוב על בגדו כך מלך המלכים ואדון האדונים ¹⁷
וראיתי מלאך אחד עמד בשמש וצעק בקול גדול ואמר
לכל העופות שהם מתחת השמים לכו אספו כולכם
לאכילת ערב מאלהי הגדול ¹⁸ כדי שתאכלו הבשר
מהמלכים והשרים והבשר מגבורים ובשר הסוסים ומאילו
הרוכבים עליה והבשר הקטנים וגדולים ומעבדים
ומשוחררים

flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns,¹ and a name was written on him,² but no one knew it except he himself. ¹³ And he was clothed with a garment on which blood was sprinkled,³ and his name was The Word of YHWH.

¹⁴ And all the armies of the heavens went after him, on horses of white, and they were all clothed with garments of fine white linen. ¹⁵ And a double-edged sword went out of his mouth, to smite the nations with it, and he will lead them with a rod of iron and will punish the grapes⁴ of the earth in equity with the burning anger of YHWH. ¹⁶ And a name was written on his garment, "King of kings and Adon of adonim."

¹⁷ Then I saw a messenger standing by the sun, and he cried out with a great voice and said to all the birds which are under the heavens, "Come, gather all of you to the feast⁵ of my great Elohim! ¹⁸ That you may eat the flesh of the kings and the princes, and the flesh of mighty warriors, and the flesh of horses and of those who ride on them, and the flesh of the small ones and great ones and of slaves and freed ones!"

¹ Or "turbans" – Hebrew idea of 'crown' is not the same as in English. See Lev. 8:9.

² Compare verse 16.

³ Or "spattered."

⁴ Compare 14:18-19. It seems the grapes are YHWH's enemies who gather together against him for war. (Chapter 16:11[12]-15[16] mentions the gathering of the armies, and here in chapter 19:19-21 we read of Yeshua's victory over his enemies).

⁵ Lit. "evening meal" but means "feast."

19 וראיתי החיה ומלכי ארץ אספו את מחניהם לעשות
 מלחמה עם זה שישב על [¹] הסוס ועם מחניו²⁰ ונשבה
 החיה עם נביא השקר העושה האותות לפניה כדי להסית
 לאילו שלקחו הסימן מהחיה [³] ומתפללים לו ונשלכו
 בשאול הבוער בגפרית²¹ והאחרים נהרגו ע"י⁴ החרב מזה
 שישב על הסוס שיצא מפיו [\(106r\)](#) וכל חיות השדה נשבעו
 מברשם

פרק כ'

1 וראיתי מלאך אחד ירד משמים ולו היה המפתח
 מתהום ובידו שלשלת גדולה² ולקח התנין שהיא השטן
 ואסר אותו אלף שנים³ והשליך אותו לתהום וסגור⁵
 אותו וחתום מלמעלה כדי שלא יוכל להסית העמים עד
 שכלא אלף שנים ואחר כך יהיה חפש זמן מועט⁴
 וראיתי כסאות והם יושבים עליהם ולהם נותן לשפוט
 אילו המאמינים ומעידים על

¹ Crossed-out word.

² Crossed out and replaced with "חייליו" – in different script than main text.

³ Crossed-out letters.

⁴ Abbreviation for "על יד".

⁵ Altered to "וסגר" – in different script than main text.

19 And I saw *that* the animal and the kings of the earth gathered their camps to make war with him¹ who sits on the horse, and with his camps.² 20 Then the animal was captured, with the false prophet – who did the signs before him in order to deceive those who took the sign of the animal and prayed to him – and they were cast into She'ol, which burns with sulfur. 21 And the others were killed by the sword of him³ who sits on the horse, which went out of his mouth, (106r) and all the animals of the field⁴ were satisfied with their flesh.

20: 1 And I saw a messenger descending from the heavens, and he had the key of *the* Deep, and in his hand was a great chain. 2 And he took the dragon, who is Ha-Satan, and bound him *for* a thousand years. 3 And he cast him into the Deep, and he was shut in,⁵ and sealed from above, that he would not be able to seduce the nations until thousand years were completed, and after this he will be freed a little time.

4 Then I saw thrones,⁶ and they sat on them, and it was given to them to judge⁷ those who believe and bear witness about

¹ Lit. “this *one*,” but means ‘he’ or ‘him.’

² Crossed out and replaced with “armies” – in different script than main text.

³ Lit. “this *one*,” but means ‘he’ or ‘him.’

⁴ Hebrew idiom meaning ‘wild animals.’

⁵ Crossed out and replaced with “he shut him” – in different script than main text.

⁶ Or “seats.”

⁷ This does not mean that believers will be condemned but that justice will be done to them, and that they will be rewarded according to their works. See e.g. Dan. 7:9 and 7:22, Mat. 19:28, Luke 22:30, 1Cor. 4:5.

ישוע ואילו שלא לקחו על מצחיהם הסימן מהחיה ולא
התפללו לו או לפסל שלו ואילו חיים ומושלים עם ישוע
אלף שנים⁵ אבל המתים אחרים לא קמים עד שכלא
האלף שנים וזה היא תקומת הראשונה⁶ קדוש הוא מי
שיש לו חלק בתקומה הראשונה כי עליהם לא יש כח
ממות אחרת רק המה יהיו כהנים ליהוה ומשיחו
ומושלים עימו אלף שנים⁷ ואחר אלף שנים יגאל השטן
משביו⁸ וילך להסית העמים על ארבע פינות הארץ וגוג
ומגוג לאסף את חיילו לבוא למלחמה ומספרם יש כחול
הים⁹ והם דרסו על רחב האדמה וסבבו החיילות
הקדושים והעיר האהובה ונפל אש משמים ושרף אותם
¹⁰ והשטן המסית אותם הושלך באש של השאול שהיה
שם החיה ונביא השקר

¹ Margin reads "מאסוריו" – in different script than main text.

Yeshua, and those who did not take the sign of the animal on their foreheads, and did not pray to him or to his image. And these lived, and ruled with Yeshua *for* a thousand years, ⁵ (but the other dead ones did not rise until the thousand years were finished), and this is the first resurrection.

⁶ Blessed is he who has a part in the first resurrection, for over them there is no power of the last¹ death, but they will be priests to YHWH and his Mashiach, and they will rule with him, a thousand years.

⁷ But after a thousand years, Ha-Satan will be delivered from his captivity.² ⁸ Then he will go³ to deceive the nations on the four ends⁴ of the earth, and Gog and Magog,⁵ to gather his army⁶ to come to war. (And their number is like the sand of the sea.)

⁹ And they trampled⁷ over the breadth of the earth, and surrounded the armies of the set-apart ones, and the beloved city. Then fire fell from the heavens and burned them up. ¹⁰ And Ha-Satan who seduced them was cast into the fire of Ha-She'ol, where the animal and the false prophet are, and they

¹ Or "latter" or possibly 'second.'

² Margin reads "fetters" – in different script than main text.

³ Or "he went."

⁴ Or possibly 'quarters.'

⁵ See Ezekiel chapters 38-39.

⁶ Or possibly "their armies."

⁷ Or possibly 'ran' or 'marched.'

ויתענו אותם יום ולילה מעולם ועד עולם ¹¹ וראיתי []¹
 אחד כסא גדול ולבן היה וזה שישב עליו ומפניו נס
 השמים והאדמה ולא נמצא לו מקום ¹² וראיתי המתים
 שבהם הקטנים והגדולים עומדים לפני יהוה ונפתחו
 הספרים וספר אחר נפתח וזה ספר החיים לשפט המתים
 כפי שכתוב בספרים וכפי מעשיהם ¹³ וירק הים את
 המתים שהיו בה לחוץ והמות והשאל נתן את המתים
 וישפטו כל אחד כפי מעשיו ¹⁴ והמות והגיהנם נשלך
 באש וזאת מות אחרת ¹⁵ ואם לא נמצא אחד כתוב
 בספר החיים הושלך באש

פרק כ"א

¹ וראיתי שמים חדשים ואדמה חדשה כי השמים והארץ
 הראשונים יגוע והים לא יש

¹ Crossed-out letters.

will be afflicted¹ day and night from everlasting and unto everlasting.²

11 Then I saw a great throne which was white, and him who sat on it. And from before him the heavens and earth fled away, but no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead ones – that the great ones and the small ones of them stood before YHWH. And the scrolls were opened, also another scroll was opened, and this is the scroll of life, to judge the dead ones according to what is written in the scrolls, even according to their works.

13 And the sea emptied out the dead ones who were in it, and death³ and Ha-She'ol gave the dead ones *who were in it*⁴ – and they were judged, every one according to his deeds. 14 Then the death and Ha-Gei-Hinnom were cast into fire, and this is the last⁵ death. 15 And if one was not found written in the scroll of the life, he was cast into the fire.

21: 1 Then I saw new heavens and a new earth, for the first heavens and earth had perished, also the *first*⁶ sea was no

¹ Or “tormented”.

² A Hebrew idiom which often means “forever and ever” – see e.g. Jer. 7:7, 25:5, 1Chr. 16:36, Neh. 9:5, Ps. 41:13, 103:17, 106:48.

³ Crossed out and replaced with “and also” – in different script than main text.

⁴ Understood from first part of the verse. (Called gapping, commonly found in the Hebrew Tanach).

⁵ Or “latter” or possibly ‘second.’

⁶ Probably gapped (implied by context). John is not necessarily saying that the new earth has no sea, but rather that the first heaven and earth passed away, even the [first] sea was no more.

עוד ² ואני יוחנן ראיתי העיר הקדושה ירושלים החדשה
ירד משמים לארץ ומקשט היה כאשה המקשט לפני
בעלה ³ ושמעתי קול גדול מהכסא שאמר ראה משכן
יהוה אצל האדם והיה להם לאלהים והם יהיו לו לעם ⁴
ומחה יהוה אלהים דמעה מעל כל פנים והמות לא ימשל
עוד ולא שום צער וצעקות ועינויים כי הראשון עבר ⁵ וזה
שישב על הכסא אמר ראה אני עשיתי הכל חדש והוא
אמר לי כתוב כי אלה הדברים אמת היא ⁶ ואמר לי עבר
הכל אני הראשון והאחרון תחילת והסוף ואני אתן
להצמא מים חיים בחנם ⁷ מי שמנצח יהיה יורש מהכל
ואני יהיה לו לאלהים והוא יהיה לי לבן ⁸ אבל להאינו
מאמינים ולרצחנים ולזונים ולמכשפים ולכזבנים אתן
את שכרם מאש השאול השורף באש וגפרית וזאת היא
המיתה השניה ⁹ ובא לי אחד מהשבעה מלאכים שהיה
בידם הקערות מלאים בשבעה נגעים אחרונים ואמר לי
בא וראה האשה הכלה מהשה

more. ² And I Yochanan saw the set-apart city, the new Yerushalayim,¹ descending from *the* heavens to the earth, and it was adorned² like a wife who is adorned before her husband.

³ And I heard a great voice from the throne which said, "Look! The tabernacle of YHWH is with man, and he will be Elohim to them, and they will be a people to him!"³ ⁴ And YHWH Elohim will wipe off *the* tears from all faces,⁴ and the death will no longer reign, neither any suffering⁵ or outcries or affliction, for the former has passed by!"

⁵ And he⁶ who sat on the throne said, "Look! I made everything new!" Then he said to me, "Write, for these words are truth!" ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is all over, I am the first and the last, *the* beginning and the end, and I will give the thirsty living waters, for free! ⁷ Whosoever overcomes will be possessor of all, and I will be Elohim to him, and he will be a son to me. ⁸ However, to those who do not believe, and to murderers and to fornicators and to sorcerers and to liars, I will give their reward from the fire of Ha-She'ol which burns with fire and sulfur, and this is the second death."

⁹ Then there came to me one of the seven messengers, who had in their hand the bowls full of the seven last plagues, and he said to me, "Come and see the wife, the bride of the Lamb!"

¹ Hebrew name for 'Jerusalem.'

² Or "decorated."

³ Compare Eze. 37:26-27.

⁴ Quoted from Is. 25:8.

⁵ Or "pain."

⁶ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

10 ונהג אותי על הר אחד שהיה גדול וגבוה והראה לי
העיר הגדולה העיר הקדושה ירושלים ירד משמים לארץ
11 ותפארת יהוה עליה ומאורה היה כאור של האבן
טובה הנקרא ישפה¹² ולה היה חומה גדולים ושניים עשר
שערים ועל השערים שניים עשר מלאכים ושניים עשר
שמות משניים עשר שבטים של ישראל¹³ ממזרח שלשה
שערים וממערב שלשה ומצפון שלשה ומדרום שלשה¹⁴
ולחומת העיר היה שניים עשר יסודות ובהם היה כתוב
השמות משניים עשר שלוחים של השם¹⁵ וזה שדבר
עימי היה בידו קנה אחד של זהב כדי למדות בו העיר
והחומה והשערים¹⁶ והעיר מונח ברובעת¹ וארכה
כרחבה ומדד העיר עם הקנה שניים עשר אלף קברות
השדה וארכה ורחבה וגבוה מהעיר המה שוים

¹ Altered to "מרבעת" in different script than main text. Margin reads
"מרובע" – in different script than main text.

10 So he led me onto a mountain which was great and high, and showed me the great city, the set-apart city Yerushalayim, descending from the heavens to the earth. 11 And the glory of YHWH was upon¹ it, and its light-source was like the goodly² stone which is called jasper.³

12 And it had a great wall and twelve gates; and at the gates were twelve messengers, and *the* twelve names⁴ of the twelve tribes of Yisrael. 13 At the east were three gates, and at the west three, and at the north three, and at the south three. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations,⁵ and on them were written the names of the twelve sent ones of the Lamb.

15 And he⁶ who spoke with me had a reed of gold in his hand, to measure with it the city and the wall and the gates. 16 And the city lay as a square,⁷ and its length was the same as its width, and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand [stretches]⁸ of field, and its length and its width and the height of the city⁹ are the same.

¹ Or "over."

² Or "precious."

³ Or possibly 'jade.' The exact identification of many precious stones is debated.

⁴ Prepositional phrase understood from preceding part of the verse. (Called gapping, commonly found in the Hebrew Tanach). Implied meaning: 'and *upon / above the gates, were the twelve names...*'

⁵ Or "foundation walls."

⁶ Lit. "this *one*," but means 'he' or 'him.'

⁷ Or "lay square" or "lay squared."

⁸ Or "distances of land."

⁹ Or "the length and width and height of the city."

17 וחומותיה היו מאה וארבע וארבעים אמות כמדת אדם
שהיה למלאך 18 [\(106v\)](#) והחומה היה מישפה והעיר מזהב
טהור 19 והיסוד מהחומה ומהעיר היו מקשט באבנים
טובים היסוד הראשון היה ישפה אחת השני ספיר
והשלישי קאלקידנר בלעז והרביעי נפך 20 והחמישי אדם
והשישי שהם והשביעי אהלמה ומשמיני תרשיש
והתשיעי פטדה והעשירי שבו והאחד עשר לשם והשניים
עשר נקרא בלעז אמטיסט 21 והשניים עשר שערים היו מן
מרגליות וכל שער אחד היה ממרגליות אחד ורחובות
העיר היו מזהב טהור

17 And its walls were a hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of man¹ which the messenger had.
18 (106v) And the wall was of jasper,² and the city of pure gold.
19 And the foundations of the wall – even of the city – were decorated with goodly³ stones: the first foundation was a jasper,⁴ the second sapphire,⁵ and the third [chalcedony],⁶ the fourth turquoise,⁷ 20 and the fifth ruby,⁸ and the sixth carnelian,⁹ and the seventh crystal,¹⁰ and the eighth topaz,¹¹ and the ninth chrysolite,¹² and the tenth agate, and the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth [amethyst].¹³

21 And the twelve gates were of pearls,¹⁴ and every gate was of one pearl.¹⁵ And the plains¹⁶ of the city were of pure gold, like

¹ Or “human measure.”

² Or possibly ‘jade.’ The exact identification of many precious stones is debated.

³ Or “precious.”

⁴ Or possibly ‘jade.’ The exact identification of many precious stones is debated.

⁵ Or, a special kind of sapphire called ‘lapus lazuli.’

⁶ Or possibly ‘agate’ – Ms. reads ‘qalqidonir in a foreign language.’

⁷ Or possibly ‘malachite’ or ‘garnet.’

⁸ Or possibly ‘sardius.’

⁹ Or possibly ‘onyx.’

¹⁰ Hebrew: “אחלמה” (*achlamah*) – see chapter 22:1, which indicates that “אחלמה” is not a red or brown Jasper as is commonly believed.

¹¹ Or possibly ‘beryl’ or ‘chrysolite.’

¹² Or possibly ‘topaz.’ The exact identification of many precious stones is debated.

¹³ Ms. reads ‘is called ametist in a foreign language.’

¹⁴ Or “jewels.”

¹⁵ Or “jewel.”

¹⁶ Or “open places,” or possibly “streets.”

כצלוה זך ²² ולא ראיתי בה בית התפילה כי יהוה צבאות
היה בית המקדש שלהם והשה ²³ ולא צריך העיר אור
משמש או מהירח כי תפארת יהוה מאור להם ואורה יש
השה ²⁴ והעמים הקדושים הולכים באור הזה ומלכי ארץ
יבאו את חילם בה ²⁵ ופתחו שעריך תמיד יומם ולילה לא
יסגרו כי לא יהיה לילה ²⁶ והמה יבאו בה תפארת וכבוד
מהעמים ²⁷ וזר לא יקרב אליו רק אילו שכתוב שמם בספר
החיים

פרק כ"ב

¹ והראה לי נחל אחד שהיה מלא ממים חיים וזך כאחלמה
יצא מכסא יהוה והשה ² באמצע הרחובות

pure glass. 22 And I did not see the house of prayer in it, for YHWH Tseva'ot was the house of their sanctuary,¹ and the Lamb.

23 And the city does not need the light from *the* sun or the moon,² for the glory of YHWH is a light-source for them, and its³ light is the Lamb. 24 And the set-apart peoples⁴ will walk in this light, and the kings of the earth will bring their wealth into it.⁵ 25 And your gates will be open continually, day and night they will not be shut,⁶ for there will not be night.⁷ 26 And they will bring into it, glory and honor from the nations. 27 But no stranger will come near⁸ to him,⁹ only those whose name is written in the scroll of life.

22: 1 Then he showed me a stream which was full of living waters, and it was pure like crystal,¹⁰ coming out of the throne of YHWH and the Lamb. 2 And in the midst¹¹ of the plains,¹²

¹ The presence of YHWH will sanctify the whole city and the whole city will be YHWH's tabernacle / temple with man (see verses 1-3).

² See Is. 60:19-20.

³ Lit. "her," referring to the city, which is feminine in Hebrew.

⁴ Or "nations."

⁵ Compare Is. 60:5 & 60:11.

⁶ Mostly quoted from Is. 60:11.

⁷ Meaning, there will be no 'darkness' in the city, even at night time.

⁸ Or "approach."

⁹ Probably refers to YHWH, could also possibly refer to the city. ('City' is occasionally referred to as masculine in Hebrew).

¹⁰ Hebrew: "אֶחְלָמָה" (*achlamah*) – see chapter 22:1, which indicates that "אֶחְלָמָה" is not a red or brown Jasper as is commonly believed.

¹¹ Or possibly 'among.'

¹² Or "open places," or possibly "streets."

ועל הנחל יעלה על שפתו מזה ומזה כל עץ מאכל ועץ
החיים ועליו היה שניים עשר מיני פירות והיה פריו
למאכל ועלהו לתרופה ³ וחרם לא יהיה עוד וכסא יהוה
והשה ישכון בה ועבדיו ישרתוהו ⁴ ויראו את פניו ושמו
יהיה כתוב במצחיהם ⁵ ולא יהיה עוד בה השמש לאור
יומם וללילה והירח לא יאיר לך

even¹ beside the stream, there grew up on its bank – on this side and on that side – every tree of food, even the tree of life.² And on it were twelve kinds³ of fruit, and its fruit was for food, and its foliage for healing.⁴

³ And there will be no more destruction, but the throne of YHWH and the Lamb will dwell in it,⁵ and his servants will serve him. ⁴ And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. ⁵ And in it⁶ the sun will no more be for light by day, neither for brightness will the moon shine for you,⁷ but

¹ Or possibly 'and.'

² This verse is mostly quoted from Eze. 47:12. Hebrew often uses singular for plural (collective), so there is no indication that there will be only one tree of life. (See also Eze. 47:7).

³ This does not indicate that one tree bears twelve kinds of fruit, but that the "tree of life" collectively refers to "every tree of food." Among the many different kinds of trees, fresh fruit will be produced every month. Trees bear fruit after their kind! One tree does not bear more than one kind of fruit (Gen. 1:11-12).

⁴ For easier understanding in English, the Hebrew collective use can be translated as plural (Most English translations do that with Eze. 47:12). "And among the plains, even besides the stream, there grew up all kinds of fruit trees – on both sides of its banks – namely, the trees of life. And on them were twelve kinds of fruit, and their fruit was for food, and their foliage for healing."

⁵ Lit. "her" – referring to the city. YHWH's throne in the city will cause it to be the 'Temple' (YHWH's tabernacle with men). See chapter 21:3, which indicates that the New Jerusalem and the Tabernacle of YHWH are synonyms. See also Eze. 43:7 – the river of life flows from underneath the **Temple**.

⁶ Lit. "her" – referring to the city, which is feminine in Hebrew.

⁷ Could also be translated: "And in it the sun will no more be for light by day, and for brightness; neither will the moon shine for you..."

והיה לך יהוה לאור עולם ואלהיך לתפארתך ⁶ ואמר לי
אלה הדברים הן אמת ויהוה צבאות שלח את מלאכיו
להראות לעבדיו מה שיהיה בקרוב ⁷ ראה אני יבא
במהרה וקדוש הוא מי שמאמין בדברי הנביאות מה
שכתוב בספר הזה ⁸ ואני יוחנן שמעתי וראיתי כל אלה
וכיון ששמעתי וראיתי זאת נפלתי לארץ והתפללתי
להמלאך שהראה לי זאת ⁹ והוא אמר לי ראה אל תעשה
זאת כי גם אני מחברותך ומאחים הנביאים ומאילו
המקיימים הדברים מספר הזה עשי תפלתך ליהוה ¹⁰ ואמר
לי אל תסתם החזון מספר הזה כי העת קרוב ¹¹ מי שיש רע
תהיה¹ כל את כך מי שיש טמא יהיה ג"כ² כך אבל מי
שיש חסיד יהיה כל עת כך ומי שיש קדוש ג"כ³ כמו זה

¹ For the use of "ת" instead of "י", see note on chapter 1:7.

² Abbreviation for "גם כן".

³ Abbreviation for "גם כן".

YHWH will be an eternal light for you, and your Elohim will be your¹ glory.²

6 Then he said to me, "These words are truth, and YHWH Tseva'ot sent his messengers to show his servants what will happen soon."³

7 "Look! I will come with haste!" – So, blessed is he who believes the words of the prophecy which is written in this scroll. 8 And I Yochanan heard and saw all these *things*, and when I had heard and seen this I fell to the earth and prayed to the messenger who showed me this. 9 But he said to me, "Look! Do not do this! – For I am also of your company and *your*⁴ brothers the prophets, and of those who establish the words of this scroll. Do your prayer to YHWH."

10 Then he said to me, "Do not seal up the vision of this scroll, for the time is near."⁵ 11 Whosoever is evil, he will be so all the time; whosoever is unclean will also be so; but whosoever is faithful will be so all the time; and whosoever is set-apart, also just like this."

¹ Lit. "as your glory" or "for your glory."

² Verse 5 is mostly quoted from Is. 60:19.

³ Lit. "at near" – the Biblical meaning of 'soon' or 'near' is not always what we expect. See e.g. Is. 13:22, stating that Babylon's destruction is near, yet Babylon was only destroyed generations later, and the ultimate fulfillment is still future! (Rev. 17-19).

⁴ Understood from preceding part of the verse. (Called gapping, commonly found in the Hebrew Tanach).

⁵ Lit. "the time is at near" – see note on verse 6.

12 וראה אני יבא במהרה לשלם לכל איש כמעשהו 13 אני הראשון והאחרון תחילת והסוף 14 קדושים הם שעושים מצותיו כדי שיהיה להם חלק בעץ החיים ויזכה לילך מהעיר¹ 15 כי מבחוץ עומדים הכלבים והמכשפים והזונות והרצחנים והכזבנים 16 אני ישוע שלחתי מלאכי להראות לעדה ואני שרש ממשפחות דוד 17 והרוח והכלה אמרו בא ומי שישמע יאמר בא ומי שצמא לכו למים חיים ושתו בלוא כסף ובלוא מחיר 18 אבל אני מעיד לכל השומעים הנביאות מהספר הזה ובא² שאחד יוסיף לו איזה דברים יוסיף עליו יהוה הנגעים שכתובים בספר הזה 19 ובאם שאחד יגרע איזה דברים מזה הספר ימחה יהוה את שמו מספר החיים 20 וכה אמר המעיד זאת כן אני אבא במהרה אמן כן בא אדון ישוע 21 החסד מאדונינו ישוע המשיח יהיה עם כולכם אמן

¹ The preposition "מן" can mean "in," "into," "toward," etc. See e.g. Lev. 4:17, Lev. 14:16, Pro. 5:18, Lam. 1:20, Gen. 13:11.

² Truncated form of "ובאם", compare verse 19.

12 "And look! I will come with haste, to reward¹ every man according to his work! 13 I am the first and the last, *the* beginning and the end! 14 Blessed are they who do his commandments, that they may have part² in the tree of life, and be pure to walk in the city. 15 For the dogs and the sorcerers and the harlots and the murderers and the liars stay outside. 16 I Yeshua sent my messengers³ to show *this* to the assembly. Even I am *the* root of the families of Dawid!

17 Both the Ruach and the bride – say 'Come'!⁴ And whosoever hears, let him say, 'Come!' And whosoever thirsts, 'Come to the living waters! And drink without money⁵ and without price!'⁶

18 But I testify to all who hear the prophecy of this scroll, that [if] one will add any⁷ words to it, YHWH will add to him the plagues which are written in this scroll, 19 and if anyone will diminish any⁸ words from this scroll, YHWH will blot out his name from the scroll of life." 20 And thus says he who testifies this, "Yes, I will come with haste!" Amein! Yes, come Adon Yeshua!

21 The steadfast love of our Adon Yeshua Ha-Mashiach be with you all, amein!

¹ Or "repay."

² Or "a share."

³ Compare verse 6.

⁴ Or "And the Ruach and the Bride say, 'Come!'"

⁵ Lit. "silver," in Biblical times money was mostly made of silver.

⁶ Compare Is. 55:1.

⁷ Or "some."

⁸ Or "some."

Glossary

Adon Standard Hebrew word for ‘Lord’ or ‘Master.’

Amein Hebrew pronunciation of ‘Amen.’ When the Hebrew word ‘*amein*’ is used as an adverb, it means “surely” or “truly.” When used as a title, it means “Sure,” “Faithful” or “Truth.”

Dawid Hebrew name for ‘David.’

Bavel Hebrew name for ‘Babylon.’

Elohim Usually translated as ‘God.’ In Hebrew however, the word ‘luck’ or ‘fortune’ is pronounced as ‘*gad*’ and sometimes as ‘*god*’ (medieval) – see e.g. Gen. 30:10-11, Josh. 11:17, Is. 65:11. Therefore we prefer to not use ‘God.’

Ha-Gei-Hinnom Lit. “The valley of (the son of) Hinnom.” This Hebrew word is transliterated into Greek as ‘*Gehenna*,’ and is inaccurately translated as ‘Hell.’ This is a literal valley right next to Jerusalem ordained for future punishment. See Matthew chapter 25:41-46 in the www.HebrewGospels.com version: “And then he will say to those who are on the left side... go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, which is prepared for Ha-Satan and his messengers... And these will go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, but the righteous ones will go into everlasting light.” To learn more about the Biblical definition of ‘*Gei-Hinnom*,’ see Jer. 7:30-33, Is. 30:33, 66:24, etc.

Ha-Mashiach The Messiah. The Hebrew word ‘*Mashiach*’ was translated into the Greek ‘*Kristos*’ but should be clearly distinguished from the Catholic symbolic ‘Christ.’ Literal meaning: “anointed one,” usually referring to one anointed as king of Israel, or as priest or prophet. However, when used as a name, it refers to the Son of YHWH, whom he

anointed as the ultimate King of Israel, the Everlasting High Priest, and the Prophet who would speak YHWH's words to his people, and if anyone does not obey him, YHWH himself will cut off that person from among his people. See Deu. 18:18-19.

Ha-Satan Lit. "The Adversary." Normally used as a name or title.

Menorah (Pl. '*menorot*.') The Hebrew word for 'lampstand.'

Mitsrayim Hebrew name for 'Egypt.'

Mosheh Hebrew name for 'Moses.'

Nephesh (Pl. '*nephashot*.') Lit. "breath," means 'life,' or 'soul,' etc. – take note, not the Greek understanding of 'soul.'

Ruach (Pl. '*ruchot*.') Hebrew word for 'spirit' or 'wind,' sometimes used with a double meaning.

Ruach Ha-Qodesh Lit. "the Set-Apart Spirit."

Satan The Hebrew word '*satan*' literally means "adversary." If '*satan*' has the article it is normally used as a title (and is transliterated as '*Ha-Satan*'); however *satan* (without the article) is used for 'enemy' or as a synonym of 'demon.'

Sedom Hebrew name for 'Sodom.'

Shabbat Hebrew name for 'Sabbath.'

She'ol The place of the dead. To learn more about the Biblical definition of She'ol, see: Gen. 37:35, Num. 16:30-33, 1Sam. 2:6, Is. 14:9-15, Eze. 31:15-25, Jonah 2:2[3], etc.

Shopfar (Pl. '*shopharot*.') The Hebrew word for "ram's horn" or "trumpet."

Shalom Lit. “wholeness,” “completeness” or “well-being,” can also mean ‘peace.’ ‘*Shalom*’ is also used as a greeting.

Tanach ‘*Tanach*’ is a Hebrew acronym for ‘*Torah, Nevi’im, Ketuvim*,’ or in English, ‘The Law, the Prophets, the Writings.’ In other words, it refers to the entire so-called ‘Old Testament.’

Torah The Hebrew word ‘*Torah*’ means “instruction.” The Creator gave his perfect and everlasting Torah (instructions) to Moses. When Torah is used as a name, it refers to the first five books of the Bible (The Pentateuch), or by extension, the entire Old Testament.

Yehudah Hebrew name for ‘Judah’ or ‘Judea.’

Yehudim Hebrew name for ‘Jews.’

Yerushalayim Hebrew name for ‘Jerusalem.’

Yeshua Hebrew name for ‘Jesus.’ ‘*Yeshua*’ is short for ‘*Yehoshua*,’ which means ‘YHWH is Salvation,’ see Mat. 1:21.

YHWH The manuscript uses Hebrew abbreviation “יה” for ‘*Ha-Shem*,’ which literally means “The Name.” Today still, many Jews will read “Ha-Shem” when they see the Hebrew יהוה. We have replaced ‘Ha-Shem’ with transliterated consonants of ‘the Name’ itself: “YHWH.” As for pronunciation, the only grammatically possible pronunciation, from which all other abbreviations / contractions can be formed, is ‘Yah-weh’ with emphasis on the second syllable. For more information see www.HebrewGospels.com/yhwh.

Yisrael Hebrew name for ‘Israel.’

Yochanan Hebrew name for ‘John.’

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